

Jefferson County Master Gardener Volunteer Association

Minutes of the March 12, 2015 Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order by President Beverly D at 6:45 pm.
2. Bev welcomed the JCMGs, the MG Interns and guests. She asked all to introduce themselves and to share the gardening projects on which they volunteer.
3. A motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2015 JCMG meeting as written was made by Diane K and seconded by Ron L.
4. The Treasurer's Report and was presented by Treasurer Barbara S.
5. A review of the annual budget was discussed and several suggestions were made to clarify entries. Barbara will rework the Projected 2015 JCMGVA Budget and present it to the membership at the April meeting with the suggested changes. The vote for the budget approval has been postponed until that time.
6. The WIMGA Report was made by Diane K and included an invitation to the LaCrosse Conference which is July 31 – Aug 1, 2015. The conference features workshops that will be off site. Click on the following WIMGA link to check out the variety of workshops available. <http://www.bluffcountrymastergardeners.org/wimga-2015.html> There is also information about the September 2016 WIMGA Midwest Regional Conference in Chula Vista named "Gardeners at the Dells" on the site.
7. Vern G, Jefferson County UW-Extension agent, complimented the current JCMG Interns, calling them a great group. They are so motivated that they have instituted a study group for the off Tuesdays during the duration of the course. Vern also announced some changes to the Level 1 Class schedule, including the talk by Brian Hudelson, UW-Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic, which has been changed to March 24. For more info go to the MG website <http://wimastergardener.org> "Level 1 Training."
8. Ron L and Beth G reported that the school garden projects Lake Mills Garden, WE Grow, Whitewater Links Charter School and Ft Atkinson High School will all be applying for the Pillar grant as a group. Applications must be submitted between 3/16/15 and 4/24/15. Discussion followed about the proposed Fort Atkinson High School handicapped accessible garden project.
9. Frankie F and Ron L announced that the proposed monthly plant health advisor newspaper column in the Jefferson County Daily Union is moving forward. Sharon S will continue making sure that MG meetings and events are advertised in a timely fashion through Outreach. Mary T pointed out that the column will be a good additional PR opportunity for the JCMGVA.

10. Upcoming JCMG Meeting education plans and MG related events:

- April 9 – Herb Seminar Topics
- May 14 – Possibly invite Beth Hanna of the School Garden Initiative to speak. Suggestion that we invite school board members.
- May 16 - JCMGVA Plant Sale 9 am – 1pm with cleanup shift after the sale.
 - Start planning what you will be potting and labeling for the sale.
 - The sale will be at the JC UW-Extension parking lot like last year.
- June 11 - Hoard Museum Herb Garden Demo and pot luck.
- July 8-12 - Jefferson County Fair
- July 16 - Still looking for garden walk host.
- August 6 – JCMG group trip to State Fair to view gardens. (car pool)
- August 13 - Still looking for garden walk host.

11. Floor items:

- Audray W - New JCMG T-shirts available at the end of the meeting.
- Maggie S – Possible new JCMG project - Whitewater Library grounds.
- Diane K – March 22 Jump to Wellness Fair at Jefferson HS needs volunteers.

12. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Sue K and seconded by Mary T.

Tonight's Speakers: Project Leaders present their 2015 Jefferson County Master Gardener Projects

Support time: 1 hr **Education:** 1 hr

In Attendance: Beverly D, Judy F, Frankie F, Mike H, Diane K, Sue K, Ron L, Jane N Ann S, Barb S, Sharon S, Maggie S, Deb S, Sue S, Jeannie T, Mary T, Audray W, Eve W, Susan W, Vern G, Dianne B, Kathleen B, Shirley B, Dale B, Beth G, Rita N, Vicki S, Gloria S, Tina V

Next meeting: April 9, 2015 at 6:45 pm

Topic: What is an Herb? Essential Oils and Herb uses; Herb Garden Design