

Jefferson County Master Gardener Foundation
Board Minutes
May 1, 2006

Members present:

Janet Mizuguchi, Chair
Susan Mc Mahon, Vice Chair
Shirley Williams, Secretary absent
Bob Hoyle Treasurer

Sarah Fairbank, Board member
Carolyn Eagan, Board member, absent
Judy Johnson, Board member
Nancy Cowan Board member

Roger McPherson, Board member
Guests: Dana Purnell,
Keith Wheller

Call to order: the Chairperson, Janet Mizuguchi, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Treasurer's report: Bob reported that First Quarter income was \$10, 057.19 with expenses of \$9, 831.97 with a profit of \$225.22. The Yard and garden series had an income of \$6,345.68 expenses of \$2792.39 with a profit of \$3553.29. Roger asked about the details of ""Training Fees and Materials of \$5135.01. Bob will check that out and report next month.

| Topic | Discussion: | Conclusion/Decision: |
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| New Business, Committee reports: | | |
| Dana Purnell Herbie seed | Herbie Seed program completed. The group met at Relva Clow's home for socialization and dinner. | |
| PR stories | Dana suggested we do more PR stories and pictures in newspapers about our scholarship winners. Susan stated we would be giving out four \$1000 scholarships this year. | No conclusions |
| MG projects, trainees, and hours. | Dana stated there are many MG projects and it is confusing for new trainees to decide where to sign up for hours. She suggested giving trainees 3 years to get the hours in. She suggested having them sign up for Herbie seed or Secret Garden, washing pots, or socializing just to get acquainted with the Veteran Master Gardeners. Most trainees don't grasp the concept of how easy it is to get the hours in. | Board agreed this needs further discussion. We will have an open forum meeting on August 14. |
| Keith Wheller, trainees, class project. | Keith presented his class project which is a brochure that could be handed out to new people to the community who are building homes. The brochure would educate home owners to environmentally friendly practices for homeowners, builders and contractors and introduce them to the services of Master Gardeners. He would like permission to print them and distribute them to Title Companies, Realtors, Architects and Builders. Katherine Baril is interested in spending time with him. | For further board discussion |
| Judy Johnson, MG Park | Winter damage to gravel area needs repair with quarter minus gravel with estimate of \$10.00. Some plants were lost and replaced. Phocus | |

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| Judy Johnson, MG Park | Winter damage to gravel area needs repair with quarter minus gravel with estimate of \$10.00. Some plants were lost and replaced. Phocus farms donated sedums and soil needs to be amended. Far Reaches nursery added plants and their name would be added to the sign. Dahlias were purchased from Henery's and Molbaks as only a few MG's donated (Dana and Carol). The sign is ready and costs of \$300 do not include supporting 4x4's or gravel. Need a permit for the Arbor, which Ray Hammer is working on. Linda Graebel is working on the bench and anticipates minimal costs. Judy may consider securing the bench with chains to large concrete stepping stones beneath the bench. | |
| Secret Garden | Susan showed the lovely poster Judy painted for the Tour. She will have two sizes and hand out more at more at the Foundation meeting. | |
| July 10 Picnic, 5:00PM until dusk | New Day Fisheries will provide a discount Salmon to grill. We need to give them 3-4 days notice on how much fish. R.S.V.P. is a must. | Voted to have the picnic at Chetzmoka Park. MG's will provide salmon for grilling and guests will bring potluck. Janet will send out post cards with R.S.V. P to Sarah. |
| Old Business: | | |
| Class project: "Gardening on a Slope" | No discussion | Tabled |
| Cap on some activity hours | At the last meeting, the board discussed a cap on allowing hours on some projects that are not primary MG project. After much discussion, the board decided capping hours would turn-off volunteers. Katherine Baril would like a breakdown on all the hours so she can talk up Master Gardener's at budget meetings. | Board voted to have no cap on any activity hours. |
| Encouraging more participation | Susan suggested more field trips, more socializing activities, invite trainees to board meetings, contacting other counties as to what they do to stimulate participation. Sarah read the Seattle Times article which featured our Farmers Market Plant Clinic and Master Gardeners. | Need more discussion. |
| Computer for Plant Clinic | Jadean (front office) set up a full time computer and phone line for the Tuesday WSU plant clinic so that we now have a permanent computer for that clinic. Sarah picked up the laptop for the Farmer's Market. | Both clinics now have a computer and internet access. |
| Charles Espy-Fort Worden Plant Project: | Katherine is interested in getting Water Watchers involved. Roger stated there is a Science Center location for Espy's presentation | The board will discuss further when we get more information from Roger and Katherine. |
| New Business: | | |
| Pat Klindienst book | Sarah reported that Patricia states she can promote her Master Gardener | Board stated we would not host a reception. |

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| Banner | Sarah does not like the current look of the banner. Katie Gilmore, a botanical artist suggests changing the artwork and is willing to provide a design. | The Board asked Sarah to have Katie submit her ideas at the next board meeting. |
| Port Ludlow day, Sept. 16-17. | The committee asked if MG would like a booth. | Janet will ask Paul Becker to head this event. |
| Demonstration Garden at the Fairgrounds | The Fair Board asked if we would like to have a Demo garden on the grounds. | The board voted no, we would prefer to spend time with the one demonstration garden we have, Master Gardener's Park. |
| Website | Bob stated the Katie Sweeney will be working on the Web site and he wants her on next month's agenda. | |
| Newsletter | Bob wants more articles and pictures | |
| Items from Katherine | Katherine announced that WSU will offer training for Web sites, no dates yet. Master Gardeners are coming from Louisiana no dates. May 13 th 14, guests from Rwanda will be in town and the Makah and Jamestown tribes will be playing music with them. There will be 4-H reporters at the Farmer's Market. They will be interviewing vendors and attendees. | |
| Adjournment: | Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM. | |

Respectfully submitted:
Nancy Cowan