



Board Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2015

**Opening**

The regular board meeting of the Linn County Master Gardeners was called to order at 1:05 PM on October 13, 2015 by Betty Goergen.

**Present**

Betty Goergen, President; Ranee Webb, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Susan Morton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; J. David and Wanda Joy Adams, Secretary; Louise Fassio, Treasurer; David Krieger, Demonstration Garden; Brooke Edmunds, Extension Staff; Pami Opfer, Extension Staff; Sheryl Casteen, Planting Seeds of Change; Kathy Powell, Trainee; Ken Drummond, Alternate OMGA Representative

**Approval of Minutes**

September minutes were approved as circulated.

**Treasurer's Report**

P&L and current budget totals through October 13, 2015 were distributed and approved.

**Extension Report**

The graduation lunch will be a potluck November 10<sup>th</sup>, noon to 2PM at the Wheel House in Albany. Certificates for Recertification will not be issued this year, but acknowledgement of each individual will still be made at the ceremony. Discussion of recertification is ongoing. In response to the Farmer's Market directors request that the Master Gardeners' table be more interactive and instructive to create interest and hopefully more questions from shoppers, packets are being assembled with topics visual aids and brochures for each week. The Board discussed the issues of working people who want to become Master Gardeners. A Job Fair the last day of the training could be used to help the trainees move on to Master Gardener projects and positions.

**OMGA Representative Report**

November 6-7 we will host the OMGA Board meeting of from 30 to 40 people. Crock pot soups or dishes are needed for November 7. Kitchen help for serving food is also needed. Contact Janice Gregg. Randy needs help for a few hours on that day also. You can contact Randy Peckham.

**Garden Tour**

Next year's Garden Tour is progressing along well. Two or three gardens are signed up and planning meetings will start soon. A better way to check off the visited gardens on the tickets is needed.

### **Demo Garden**

Plans for workday topics and public information are being created. The garden needs informal questions and answers opportunities for visitors. The topics and dates would need to be advertised and could be coordinated with the Farmers Market topics.

### **Bee Vent**

Lining up speakers is going well, three of the four are confirmed. New management at the hotel was contacted and on board with the contract. Five vendors are needed to cover the cost of the second room for vendors.

### **Membership Retention**

Ranee Webb created a sample survey form for review. Some modifications were suggested and Brooke Edmunds will work with Ranee on a new draft. Retention and Recertification was determined to be two different issues and should have two different surveys. Suggestions for retention activities are:

1. Master Gardener's Directory including more information about individuals.
2. A social committee being created.
3. Thank you notes being created at Board Meetings for member's recognition.
4. Survey being taken so the board can understand what the membership wants and needs.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM by Betty Goergen.

Minutes submitted by: Wanda Joy and J. David Adams