

**LINN COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 1, 2012**

Attendees

Marilyn Scheffler, President
Betty Goergen, 1st Vice President
Marie Madison, Secretary
Dan Borg, Treasurer
Susan Morton, OMGA Representative
Traudy Shawger, Member at Large
Tom Capel, Newsletter Editor
Bev Hall, Member at Large
Pami Opfer, Extension Program Assistant
Barb Fick, Extension Faculty - Horticulture

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Marilyn Scheffler in the Downing Room of OSU-Linn County Extension.

Minutes:

April minutes were unanimously accepted as distributed. Susan Morton moved and Traudy Shawger seconded the motion.

Extension Report – Pami Opfer

- Karl Carlson Grants are available for educational materials in the amount of \$250. Stephanie Low is applying for permanent signage at the Demonstration Garden.
- Chinese delegates from Beijing who are interested in farming want to learn about the Master Gardener program on Friday, May 4 at 11 a.m. They will visit the Demonstration Garden.
- Events this week include the Potting Party at Tom's Garden Center, Farmers Market, Spring Garden Festival, Benton County Master Gardener Plant Sale, Cinco de Mayo Festival at St Mary's Church (Barb received an invitation to have a Master Gardener table as part of their Latino outreach. Barb has the assistance of three Spanish speaking MGers to help her.)
- The Master Gardener desk is staffed Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Questions are beginning to come in but it is still very slow. Thought is being given to having mobile clinics for next year. More mobile clinic boxes will need to be put together if that happens.

Treasurer's Report – Dan Borg

- We are currently spending more than we are taking in. Income was \$18 and checks were written for a total of \$214.48 The account balance is currently \$7667.46.
- Grants require a balance sheet and a profit/loss statement be submitted with the application.
- New 1099 forms for the 2012 tax year require that all cumulative purchases of \$300 or more from the same source (store, online market, etc.) be reported. Corporations are excepted.

Extension Strategic Plan – Betty Goergen

This is a one-time meeting to determine what needs exist in the community that Extension should fill. It includes where Extension wants to be in 5 years, 10 years, etc. How does Master Gardening, Master Food Preservers, etc fit into the mix. Betty felt school gardens and nutrition working together in the schools is working extremely well. Betty volunteered to be on the committee. She mentioned that Benton County Extension worked on this as a staff.

Membership Meetings – Betty Goergen

- Our next membership meeting is Monday, May 14 beginning at 6:30 pm at the Albany Public Library. After a short business meeting, Darryl from Darryl's Nursery will be speaking about ornamental grasses. There will be a June meeting because of the need to approve the By-laws revision. Speaker for that session is unknown at this time. Concern was raised about the low attendance. Suggestions to encourage attendance were to e-mail reminders and to use the FYI in the Democrat-Herald.
- James Cassidy will return as guest speaker in September when he will talk about Compost.

Planting Day at Tom's Garden Center- Dan Borg

- Nancy Freeburn has prepared well for the event being held on May 5. She has advertised the event and has 10 to 11 volunteers for both the morning shift and the afternoon shift.
- Susan Morton mentioned that she participated in a potting party last weekend at Wilco in Lebanon set up by Sheryl. They were swamped with people wanting plants potted for them.

Plant Sale – Susan Morton

- Things are looking good. Peggy Straube, who has been a great help, has a job with U & D Nursery so cannot help with the sale itself. She has put together three color bowls and 20 hanging baskets which are doing great.
- Susan met with Linda Hastings and Betty Anderson who will be in charge of set-up. Susan will be transporting plants.
- Sheryl is in charge of the fuchsia consignment plants.
- There are more volunteers on Friday than Saturday. She really needs more help on Saturday.
- A temporary nursery license has been obtained at a cost of \$5. It is important to have the license on-site during the event as ODA sometimes comes to check.
- There will be a plant clinic at the sale so will need a plant clinic box on Saturday.
- The sale has been advertised extensively with flyers being placed in Scio, Lacombe, Brownsville, Lebanon and Albany as well as in the local newspapers.
- Vickie Dones will be selling garden related items as a private vendor. We will see how well it does . If it does well the number of private vendors will be used but the number will be limited.
- Marilyn volunteered to provide a tally sheet that will be used to assist with checking out procedure.

Garden Tour- Marie Madison

- Flyers and bookmarks are at the printers and will be available for the plant sale, Farmers Market and the membership meeting.

- Tickets will be at the vendors ready for sale by May 15.

Demonstration Garden – Larry Steele

Five yards of compost were spread last week

Committee of Spineless Wonders

An organizational meeting was held on Thursday.

Other Business

- Marilyn has received only six committee reports. She reminded everyone that pre-approval is needed for new projects. She wants to post the reports on the Website or in the *Hoe Hoe Hoe*.
- Tom Capel asked if Master Gardeners can accept flyers of private businesses to post. The response was that because of the University affiliation, we are not allowed to post any private business posters.

Master Gardener of the Year Nominations – Pami Opfer

- The Doodle Survey was used this year for voting.
- Winner is Betty Goergen.
- The application is completed and ready for submitting to OMGA. As a result of winning the Chapter MG of the Year, Betty has all Mini College class fees, lunches and parking paid as well as Wednesday or Friday's Awards Banquet for two.
- It was moved by Tom and seconded by Traudy that the \$200 Send A Friend to Mini College fund be applied to Betty's additional expenses at Mini College. Motion passed unanimously.
- \$500 has been budgeted for scholarships to send people to Mini College. A discussion needs to be made on how to use that money.

Mini-College – Marilyn Scheffler

- Online registration is open on the OMGA website.
- Our chapter has been asked to provide 10 auction items and 2 door prizes with a value of about \$25.
- Betty will ask Laurie Gibson to include a request for auction items and door prize items in the Thursday e-mail to the general membership.

Policies and Procedures Update

- The remaining Policies and Procedures were updated and will be posted after the Board has had opportunity to proof them for accuracy.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Madison
Secretary