

HEART OF MISSOURI MASTER GARDENERS
Minutes of Meeting
January 17, 2006

President Phyllis Barks called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 45 master gardeners in attendance including two guests at the Boone Electric Cooperative on Rangeline in Columbia, Missouri. After welcoming returning members and many new graduates from the class of 2005, President Barks invited all present to introduce themselves, tell which class they completed and share any information about their particular interests they desired.

Because Article VII.C. of the By-laws require members to make project selections at the beginning of the year, Committee Chairs talked about their respective committees and planned projects for the year as committee signup sheets were passed around. The 2006 Master Gardener Committee Duties List was given to members to aid in their selection process.

Hsiao-Mei Wiedmeyer presented *Flora and Fauna of Galapagos Island* as she shared slides from her recent trip. The thirteen Galapagos Islands are renowned for unique evolution of species, particularly the tortoise, but to see plants and flowers flourishing without fresh water were a treat. Thank you Hsiao-Mei for the interesting program.

After a short break for refreshments, the business meeting started at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes

As there were no additions or corrections to the November minutes, the minutes as published with the January newsletter will stand approved.

Treasurer's report by Debbie Scholes

Heart of Missouri Account	\$1,249.24
Missouri State Conference Account	2,493.13
Shelter Bank	<u>3,020.69</u>
Total	\$6,403.37

Treasurer Scholes reported the 2005 Treasurer Report Summary was published in the January newsletter. Current activities include \$105 donated by Jim Wilson from book sales at the November meeting and \$20.69 interest posted to the Shelter Bank Account.

Correspondence: President Barks read a thank you letter from Thomas L. Payne, Vice Chancellor and Dean of the College of Agriculture, thanking us for the gift to the Ray Rothenberger and Jim Wilson Missouri Master Gardener Fund.

Old Business

Seed/plant exchange: The exchange will take place before the March meeting. Additional information was provided to contact Celeste for those who had not signed-up but want to participate.

Volunteer hours for 2005 are due to Don Day. Forty-five members to date have submitted hours. Please send by mail or fax to Don @ 445-9807.

New Business

Sign up sheets were completed for committees and committees reported on current projects and volunteer opportunities.

Announcements: Advance training class is scheduled for Tuesday evening, January 31, 2006, on attracting and repelling wildlife in your garden. Other volunteer opportunities were announced and will appear in the February Newsletter.

Julie Fisher is the new Chair the Newsletter Committee. Please submit suggestions for February Newsletter by January 24. Thanks to Tony White for his leadership and past support as former Chair of this committee and congratulations to Tony and his wife on the birth on their new daughter, Sophia.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane King, Secretary