

HEART OF MISSOURI MASTER GARDENERS

Minutes of Meeting

June 21, 2005

Vice President Betty Gayle Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with twenty-nine master gardeners in attendance at Flat Branch Park in downtown Columbia. Mike Snyder, Senior Parks Planner for the City of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation presented the program. Mr. Snyder showed us around the park and explained how Flat Branch Park (Trail head for the MKT) was cleaned up, pointed out the plants selected (native or native-like) and told us of the plans to have a string of parks connecting downtown parks, MKT trail and Peace Park.

Announcements:

Betty Gayle announced that Barb Devine had resigned as chair of the newsletter committee due to other commitments. Please give information for the newsletter to Tony White, the new chair of the committee. A card was circulated to allow members to thank Barb for her service on the committee.

Minutes

The business meeting started at 7:25. Mary Jane King read the minutes from the May 17, 2005 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report by Debbie Scholes

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| Heart of Missouri Account | \$ 934.74 |
| Missouri State Conference Account | <u>6,433.13</u> |
| Total | \$7,367.87 |

Committee reports

- Newsletter – Tony White, Chair announced that new contact information will be in the next newsletter. Tony wants the committee to meet once per month for 1 hour on ideas for the newsletter. Please contact Tony if you have ideas (e.g. use green paper for hard copies for mailing the newsletter), books or articles to share.
- Plant-a-Row for the Hungry – Betty Gayle Smith announced that rows are planted (thanks Monica Frank) and watered (thanks Tom Marrero).
- MU Botanic Gardens – Hsiao-Mei Wiedmeyer announced that 10 people completed the training on “How to conduct tours of the MU botanic Gardens”.
- Mentoring Committee – Marie Pasley announced that the committee would have an hand-out for the July meeting. One of the findings of the group is that retention goes up in MG groups that have mentoring programs.

Old Business:

- **How to spend cash from conference account:** The committee shared a handout of recommendations regarding how to spend the money. After discussion, it was decided to table the vote and to publish proposed budget in the July Newsletter to allow more input. The group thought some suggestions were not considered and wanted more explanation as well as a chance to vote on each item. One budget item that had previously received approval was voted on: Marie Pasley moved, Art Gelder seconded and the motion passed to reimburse Don Day for \$72.00 for the Heart of Missouri Banner.
- **Advanced Level Training** – A handout of the draft Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners Advanced MG Training Guidelines was passed out. The committee has met numerous times and this topic has been brought up at several meetings. Following a brief discussion and explanation, Hsiao-Mei Wiedmeyer moved to accept the recommendations of the committee as presented, Carolyn Doyle seconded, and the motion passed.
- **Tiger Pilot Tour** – Handout information about the tour and the sign up sheet requesting volunteers for the 3rd annual garden tour on June 25 were circulated. Workers get a free pass for the tour.

New Business:

- State Conference in Kansas City. Don Day passed out copies of the registration form and announced that on-line registration on the state Web site started today (6/21/05).

Announcements:

Sandy Deraps has 4 T-shirts for @ \$10.25.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm July 19 at Jefferson City Lewis and Clark Gardens. Members can meet at 6:30pm at the AC Commuter lot off Highway 63 to share rides.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane King, Secretary
June 28, 2005