Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners
Meeting Minutes
15 January 13

Attendance
Officers:
Evette Nissen, President
Marie Pasley, Vice President
Sandy Perley, Treasurer
Annette Triplett, Secretary

Rich Frieden       Cathy       Alex Riddles       Cindy Deegan
Alice Havard       Barb Rothenberger Ava Fajen       Marjorie Hunt
Janet Jackson      Tammy Green   Steve Callis      DJ Dometrorch
Yvette Dills       Carolyn Oates  Phyllis Barks    Hsiao Mei Weidemeyer
Ron Rold           Nancy Rold    Charles Alexander Lea Langdon
Julie Deering      Edyth Jenkins

Presentation
Rich Frieden and wife Cathy
Paradise – Hawaiian Style!

Business Meeting
Annette Triplett read the minutes from the November meeting.
  • Hsiao Mei Weidemeyer made a motion to approve the November minutes. Marie Pasley seconded the motion.
  • Approved

Treasurer Report
Several bank accounts were combined into one at Boone County National Bank.
  • Phyllis Barks made a motion to approve the Treasurer report. Alex Riddles seconded the motion.
  • Approved

Committees
Please sign up for committees today.

Gardening with Youth: Lea Langdon
Lea has many schools which have rain gardens and vegetable gardens and needs additional volunteers in the committee. The Early Sprouts program also could use volunteers at Head Start and Title I Preschool sites.
Habitat for Humanity: Phyllis Barks
Phyllis would like either a new chair for the committee or at least a co-chair. The committee involves helping landscape the new Habitat for Humanity homes. The families can select the trees or shrubs. MGs help plant the plants and teach the family how to take care of them. Usually the hours are after work or on the weekend.

Mentoring: Mary Ann Gates
New MGs are paired with a more experienced MG to introduce them to the group and help them report their hours.

Earth Day: Peggy Ann Eichen
Sunday April 21, rain date of April 28. Volunteers are needed to sign up for shifts. Plants and seedlings are also needed to be sold at the booth.

Newsletter: Laura Redfield-Jacobs
Laura could use help with the newsletter.

Advanced Training: Alex Riddles

Extension Grounds: Mary Ann Gates
Once the work date is scheduled, will need a lot of volunteers.

Giving Gardens: Marie Pasley
There are mixed feelings as to whether or not we should continue working with the Giving Gardens. We seem to have conflicting information from the staff on what the role of the MGs is. Initially the MGs were asked to come out and provide horticultural information to customers, but when they arrived, were asked to do manual labor-type tasks.

Phyllis Barks suggested offering that the MGs could come and staff a table on given dates (ex. Mother's Day and Memorial Day) so they could answer customer questions.

Marie will follow up to clarify on this and will report back next time.

Demonstration Garden: Marie Pasley
Last year Demonstration Garden and Extension Grounds were listed as Core Projects that MGs were asked to commit half their volunteer hours to. Marie is working with Don Day to have drip irrigation and additional spigots installed because lack of water was an issue for production in the garden last year.

Need to have pamphlets redone so demonstration and education can occur more often with the public. May assign one night of the week to be a work night, and invite community members to attend and learn about the garden. Evette will work with Marie to develop the pamphlet.

Alex pointed out that pear trees were planted near the demo garden plot and that they may shade the plot in the future.

Planning to plant tomato plants in 5 gallon containers so they can be used for education in partnership with the Food Pantry. Alex suggested partnering with Columbia Center for Urban
Agriculture to maximize garden-based efforts with low-income families.

Lea suggested partnering with the Community Garden Coalition to have compost delivered for use in the buckets.

Work sessions for planting containers: April 20, 27 and May 4. Marie will have a sign-up sheet.

Evette asked for suggestions of what type of educational programs to offer at the garden.

**Programs**

Marie Pasley suggested providing a $10 gift card to people who present at the MG meetings. A suggestion was made to make the incentive larger.

Cindy Deegan asked if we have had trouble getting speakers, and that an incentive was needed. Marie responded that some potential presenters will not come without having mileage paid. Phyllis suggested having a budget for speakers for the year so that if a potential speaker needs to be paid, we have a budget. Marie is concerned that this will make an inconsistency in how presenters are compensated.

Ron Rold suggested having a budget item for speakers to show that ongoing education/training is a priority to the group. Janet Jackson suggested reimbursing mileage for speakers who have to come from a long distance.

Ron suggested have a $20/speaker budget item for payment to speakers. DJ Dometrotch clarified that we could specify that the incentive would have an end date so we can reconsider the incentive at a later date.

Marie read the list of the potential speakers for the year.

DJ made a motion that up to $200 would be used for the payment of speakers over the course of the 2013 year. The motion carried.

**Cole County Gardening Symposium**

February 23. Go online to the Cole County website to sign up.

**Ballots for Boone County Extension Council**

Frankie left ballots if anyone is interested in voting for members running for Extension Council.