

Cass County Master Gardeners

February 9th, 2017 Monthly Meeting

Attendance:

Kathee Glodowski
Darlene Arnett
Cliff Bruce
Jim Hart
Janice Britz
Tom Britz
Greg Mansker
Sue Scaccia
Marilyn Tedrow
Jeannie Yates

Kathee called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05. Action items are in **BOLD**.

MINUTES

Kathee asked if everyone got a copy of the minutes. No corrections were made. Jim motioned to approve the minutes. Sue seconded. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cliff said the previous balance was \$3,420.75. Greg motioned for approval. Sue seconded. Report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Volunteer Hours – Marilyn reported only 2 hours for January. Everyone should get all 2016 hours in so that Kathee can proceed with a special report for the Extension Council.

MG Training – Only 2 people have paid to start the MG training on February 16 so there will be no training class. Jennifer called all the people from last fall who showed interest. MG's and Council handed out a lot of brochures. It appears that the preference for day or night classes has changed. Kathee, Darlene, Greg, Marilyn and Sue came early to work with Jennifer on understanding how to access the PDF and PPT files on the secure MU drives and review the material. Some ideas discussed were have the training on a series of Saturdays or maybe devoting an entire week (40 hours) to do an intensive training class. Kathee will be attending the MOMGA meeting on March 3rd

and will ask to be on the agenda to discuss the issues we are having with trying to get training classes organized.

MOMGA- The next meeting is March 3rd in Columbia. Kathee and Darlene will attend. Kathee has paid \$38 in dues for 19 active MG's. MOMGA also announced that there will be a Conference in June in Columbia.

Label Program – Darlene reviewed the information she had on a label program that required buying the software with a cost of \$250 to \$399. She also presented information on Kincaid plant markers. These are Stainless Steel markers only. Labels could be made on a Brother printer. Greg made a motion to approve the purchase of 50 markers. Marilyn seconded. The markers are primarily for the native garden in the front of the extension office. **Darlene will order the markers.**

Project Updates:

Rain Gardens - No updates at this time. Darlene is the head person for this project.

Demo Gardens – The program for the Drug Court is now being handled by Pathways. It is still unclear as to what involvement there will be by the participants.

Community Gardens – Kathee did contact Sara and there are no immediate plans in place for the Harrisonville gardens. She did request help on the Garden City Community Garden Project.

Hospital – **Kathee is meeting with Martha Sims to discuss a new “Outback” garden.**

Extension Office Native Garden – The garden needs to be cleaned up. **Darlene will schedule a work day.**

New Business

Annual Dinner – The extension annual dinner is **February 23rd**. Everyone needs to make reservations with Jennifer.

2017 Plans

- **Drumm Farm-** The work date for our group is **May 12th**. Probably working in the veggie gardens. If someone wants to help at other times the schedule is: Strawberries, March 10, 17, and 24. Fruit trees on April 7th.
- **Powell Gardens** – The work date for our group is **April 19th**. We will be working in the trial gardens.
- **Lenora Larsen-** Darlene had scheduled July 21. After some discussion, we decided to try and move it to Wednesday, July 12. **Darlene will contact Lenora.**
- **Hoot Owl Hill and Wine Tours** –The majority of the group decided that we would not schedule either of these for 2017.
- **Overland Park Arboretum** – **Jeanne will contact them regarding a group tour and confirm cost of admission.**

Treats were provided by Marilyn and Rebecca

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45.