

CASS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2017

The following members were in attendance:

- Darlene Arnett
- Jim Braswell
- Janice Britz
- Kathee Glodowski
- Jim Hart
- Vicky Hart
- Rebecca Lowery
- Greg Mansker
- Sue Scaccia
- Marilyn Tedrow
- Jeanne Yates

Kathee called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00.

MINUTES

Kathee asked if everyone got a copy of the minutes. Darlene motioned to approve the minutes. Greg seconded. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kathee said the new balance is \$3446.75. A \$1,000.00 grant from the Pfizer Foundation, thanks to Jim Braswell, and \$20 from the monthly raffle were deposited in December. Jeanne motioned for approval. Marilyn seconded. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Project Updates -

Rain Gardens - No updates.

Demo Gardens - Jim Hart said Pathways in Raymore is interested in participating this year in the demo garden project every other Friday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00. Kathee said a sign-up sheet for those interested in helping Jim and Vicky will be sent around at a later meeting.

Community Gardens - No updates.

Raymore Elementary School - No updates.

Hospital - No updates.

Extension Office Native Garden - No updates.

Volunteer Hours - Kathee reported there were 10.5 hours recorded in December. The total hours logged in for 2016 were 1486 hours, with 237 continuing education hours, 34 advanced training hours, and 1214 volunteer hours.

Hot Line - No updates.

Speakers' Bureau - No new inquiries.

MOMGA - Kathee said MOMGA encouraged seed saving programs and we discussed the possibility of obtaining end of season seed packets from local businesses. The next MOMGA meeting will be in March for those interested in attending. Kathee is filling out the MOMGA membership application. The cost is \$2.00 for each member and will be paid out of the treasury.

Master Gardener Training - Kathee said a small group has been working on the new Master Gardener Training Class, which has a tentative start date of February 16 at 9:00 am. Jenny from the Extension Office will contact those that have shown an interest. Kathee also said she would like all Master Gardeners to take a part in the training, if possible. Travis has agreed to cover half of the speakers and we will need to fill in with speakers, as needed. Greg and Darlene agreed that we need a review of the information and equipment to be used at the extension office. Kathee will check with Jenny to see if we can meet with her at 3:00 pm on February 9 before the next Master Gardener Meeting. Kathee had flyers for the upcoming new training class for us to take and place at local businesses.

Bylaws - Kathee reviewed the revised bylaws with the group. Marilyn motioned to approve the bylaws as revised. Jim H. seconded. All in favor.

Label Program - Darlene said she has the information on the label program and will be working on it.

NEW BUSINESS

February 23rd is the Annual Dinner. We will receive a formal invitation in the mail.

Kathee sent around the treat sign-up sheet for 2017.

Kathee said she met the new MU AG Chancellor on December 15 in Warsaw. He was interested in the Master Gardener program and seems like he will be very good to work with.

Kathee asked if anyone was interested in speaking at the Harrisonville library on different topics. Sue can speak on lasagna gardening and Janice and Tom on beekeeping. The first talk will be March 21 at 6:30 pm.

After a short break, we discussed ideas and plans for 2017. Jeanne suggested a local wine tour. Other trip suggestions were Burr Oaks Woods, Snowball Hill Prairie, The Arboretum in Overland Park, Powell Gardens and Drumm Farm work days, Lenora Larson’s farm in Paola. Darlene suggested several upcoming Gardener Gatherings which might be of interest. She also mentioned several classes that are coming up. On Feb. 15 there is a class on Native Trees and Plants at the Arboretum. The Kansas City Master Gardener Spring Seminar is March 11 and the cost is \$49.00. On March 18 is a class on Nature Scaping at Burr Oaks. She will send out updates as they come in.

Kathee said if you are on Facebook, “Like” the Cass County Master Gardener Facebook page. This is another way to keep informed.

Jim Braswell spoke about an upcoming class on April 18 that he will be instructing at the Cass Career Center on the 2017 total solar eclipse. This total eclipse will occur in August in northern Missouri.

The business meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10. Treats were provided by Kathee and Jeanne.

Greg took charge of the monthly raffle and the winners were:
 Vicky - Multi-task Tool
 Kathee - Candle Melt and Wine Journal
 Rebecca - Gardening Book
 Darlene - Plant
 Marilyn - Seeds

Action Items

Darlene Arnett	Contact Snowball Hill & Lenora Larson at Long Lips Farm regarding tours.
Kathee Glodowski	Contact Jenny to setup meeting on February 9 regarding MG training.
Marilyn Tedrow	Contact Powell Gardens & Drumm Farm regarding tour/work days.
Jeanne Yates	Contact Hoot Owl and Red Fox regarding tour.