

**BOONSLICK MASTER GARDENERS  
FEBRUARY 4, 2009  
MEETING MINUTES**

With 12 Master Gardeners in attendance at 616 Bingham Road, we started at 6:00 p.m. with a **presentation by farmer and grower, Gene Walthers**. He presented a program on growing and marketing **hard shell gourds**. He discussed the importance of soaking the seeds on some varieties for better germination, fertilizer, pollination, harvest tips, weed control, variety and crop rotation, and curing and cleaning the gourds.

We reviewed and discussed the status of the **group projects**:

1. Calaboose garden at the Jail on Morgan Street – will continue with assigned beds
2. Morgan Street Park – will anticipate planting again this Spring
3. Plant sale – will anticipate conducting again in Spring
4. Yard tour – will plan on conducting again in June
5. Katy Junction garden at Katy Manor – focus on 5 senses and will work to get established this Spring
6. Wal-Mart – will plan on staffing the opening weekend with advise and advertising
7. Pilot Grove festival – will anticipate staffing this in the Fall]

J. Hickam stated that the new members may order their **T- shirts** to use at group events.

**Todd Lorenz** presented the following updates and information:

1. COCORAHS – new website and weather event reporting – passed out extension brochure and explained benefits of the program
2. MG class in Cooper County – would we assist in one and when might be best timeframe April/May or maybe July/August? Let him know at the March meeting.
3. Golden Age Farming – reviewed the benefits of the planning process and information in the brochure
4. Extension Budget funding – reviewed recent position of new Governor on extension funding

J. Hickam state that the **2009 Missouri MG conference** is in Jefferson City this year and the space and number of reservations are limited. There is information available at the Extension office and soon on website.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carol Nauman reported the Boonslick Master Gardeners had \$1,467.85 in their account.

**Election of officers** is overdue by two months with no appointment of a nominating committee to suggest a new slate of officers. Due to the short amount of time to the next election cycle, Don Cunningham moved and Carol Nauman seconded to retain the current slate of officers until the nominating committee meets in September to prepare for a December election. All members voted in favor of the motion. J. Hickam appointed Don Cunningham as the interim Vice President since the person holding that position has not been active for over two years.

Todd Lorenz stated that the MGs are welcome **to thin the plants at the Extension office** by repotting and taking starts for the Spring plant sale.

With no further business to come before the group, we adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan McGuire  
Secretary  
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