

**BOONSLICK MASTER GARDENERS
AUGUST 5, 2009
MEETING MINUTES**

With 9 Master Gardeners in attendance at 616 Bingham Road, we started the meeting at 6:10 p.m. with the main focus on election of officers, tour results and allocation of funds in the future.

The group discussed the bylaws and the development of a slate of officers for 2010. The current officers have been in place for several years and the bylaws state that new officers will be selected annually. Mary Wooldridge moved and Jackie Sieckman seconded to have the outgoing officers serve on a nominating committee to develop the slate of officers to be presented at the November MG meeting for a vote. All members present unanimously agreed.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mary Wooldridge and Jackie Hickam stated that the tour brought in approximately 90 to 100 people and grossed approximately \$670. The group discussed that they thought the gardens on the tour were some of the best so far and wanted to know how we could get more people interested and bring people from outside Boonville. Target marketing was discussed including women's groups, churches and trail riders.

Now that the MG group has some money in the account to work with, the group discussed options for allocating these funds in the future including scholarships for MG classes, expanded educational component and reimbursement on supplies, junior MG programming and community gardening.

Jackie Hickam stated that the Jail Garden had received some fairly significant damage from the recent storm and the Friends were looking at how to handle the big trees. Mary Wooldridge stated that two of the Jail beds still needed to be assigned and were looking neglected.

Jackie Hickam suggested that we combine a Fall Clean-up day with bulb planting and the group agreed. Megan McGuire moved and Don Cunningham seconded to purchase 250 daffodil bulbs to be split between the Jail Garden and the Katy Manor. Jackie would order and set a day in October for planting and clean up. The October regular meeting day on Wednesday, October 7 was considered.

Todd Lorenz presented several items for information and action as follows:

- 1) Grow Native container contest flyer;
- 2) Festival of lights in September – MG and 4H combined booth on September 10 (later changed to September 3);
- 3) Extension is partnered with US Census, temporary jobs available;
- 4) Forage improvement field day next week;
- 5) Katy Manor Garden group to meet in near future and make plans for fall;
- 6) Pilot Grove Festival scheduled for October 17 – MG involvement discussed but no final commitment as of yet; and
- 7) Reminder about State MG Conference in Jeff City beginning September 18

Next MG meeting: September 2, 2009

With no further business to come before the group, we adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan McGuire
Secretary
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