

Ozark Prairie Master Gardeners
Minutes of the May 17, 2018 meeting
Dale Hollow Winery, Stover

The Ozark Prairie Master Gardeners met at 6:00 p.m. at the Dale Hollow Winery in Stover for a carry-in dinner. Following the meal, Jesse and Asher Dale gave a presentation on the grapes in the vineyard. Inclement weather prevented a walk through the vineyard.

President Earlene Britton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She presented Joann Billington and Peggy Huhmann their emeritus awards and pins. Honorees and members celebrated this achievement with cake and ice cream.

OPENING PROCEDURES

President Britton began the regular business meeting at 7:20. Larry Lackey moved to accept the minutes which were previously mailed to members. Second by Bev, MC. In Pam's absence, Dan presented the treasurer's report. (Copy attached in secretary's book.) Savings \$5,031.47, Checking \$3,318.20, Petty Cash \$262.00. for TOTAL of \$8,611.67. Mary Ella presented a bill from the plant sale. Motion by Lois, second by Andi to accept the bill. MC. Motion by Mary Ella, second by Bev to accept the treasurer's report. MC. Peggy reminded members to record their hours during the meeting on the sheet of paper circulating.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Garden. Mary Ella reported that peppers and tomatoes have been planted. Lettuce and radishes are ready to pick. It has been too dry to plant other items yet. She will call for help when the weather is appropriate for planting.

Pollinator Garden. Joann Billington announced that the New England Aster has spread everywhere. Please stop by and dig some.

Education Committee/Advanced Training. Andi

- Help is needed May 21 from 9:00 - 12:00 at the Food Pantry. Clients and club members will be planting vegetables.
- June 16 "Plants with a Purpose" will be presented by the Grow Native program. Andi has emailed information to members.
- May 19-20 will be a Garden Walk in St. Genevieve.
- Contact the U of Mo Extension for information on the Heath Fair.
- Quiz 4 is available from Andi tonight. It is on soils and soil management.
- Andi displayed the new flier she is developing for the Community Garden.

Yard of the Month. Carol Jones updated the group on the good work done last month by 3 groups working together. Those interested will meet at Westview on Tuesday, May 22 at 9:30 to determine the May winner.

Plant Sale. Dan gave a printed summary of the financials from the plant sale. (Copy attached in secretary's book.) Gross income was \$6,209.35. After expenses, net profit was \$2,146.10. Joann reported that the 2 days went very smoothly with lots of help and lots of extra time during set-up on Friday. Mary Ella reported that the plants we sold from Cedar Hill and Mark and Alma produced \$1005.50. She submitted a complete list of those plants. (Copy attach in the Secretary's minutes.) Earlene reported OPMG Plant Sale earned \$888 for the High School. Several suggestions were made to improve the sale for 2019.

- Use the down time on Friday to educate members on the plants available so they can better answer questions on Saturday.

- Get a list ahead of time from Cedar Hill of the plants they will provide so members can prepare information.
- Do not put leftover plants outside of building - people wait for freebies. Instead, take the leftovers to the community garden the next Monday.
- Joann recommended we increase the number of native plants available next year as we sold out of those this year.
- Dan suggested we start thinking ahead of ways to increase revenue in case we lose privileges at the HS greenhouse. Our small greenhouses could produce ornamental and fruit trees over the winter. Members could dig their own plants in the fall and keep them in the greenhouses over winter.
- Investigate getting more Japanese Maple seedlings from the Goetze's to grow out over the winter.
- Motion by Larry, second by Bev to allow Dan to set up an account with Kelly Nurseries for OPMG. MC. (Kelly Nurseries provide ornamental trees, fruit trees, etc for growing out.)

OLD BUSINESS

State Association. Carol and Vicki reported that on-line registration was fairly difficult. At present, 6 members are planning to attend. The next state meeting is scheduled for June 1.

Wal-Mart Garden Center Opening. Carol J. reported Wal-Mart DID have the opening and it went well but the crowd was much smaller than last year.

NEW BUSINESS

Morgan County Fair. Larry Lackey reported on the schedule of events for July 11 - July 14. OPMG have many opportunities to assist, beginning Monday, July 9 when cleanup and setup of the Home Ec. building will occur. Be ready at the next meeting to sign up for the events and times you can assist. Larry stressed that OPMG efforts with the fair have increased participation steadily, particularly by young people.

COMO Annual Meeting. Thursday, May 24. Volunteers are needed to help with our booth. Meet at the courthouse at 3:30. Bring any extra packets of seeds you may have for freebies.

Field Day. Dan reported the date has been set for September 15. Detailed planning is beginning. So far, the Conservation Commission will do Backyard Building, Joni will provide a Forestry session, the Monarch people will come back, Joann (or someone) will do native plants again. There will be an organizational meeting for Field Day June 6, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. breakfast meeting at Pioneer. Anyone who is interested should attend.

Andi offered samples of bacon made out of eggplant in the interest of "unusual things you can do with vegetables."

Next Meeting. The June 28 carry-in dinner meeting will be held at Lois Weber's home. 13898 Peach Tree Rd., Stover. 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment. Motion by Larry L., second by Dan to adjourn. MC.

Clarice Nelson, Secretary