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CMMG Board Meeting
March 12, 2013

Members present: Jake Siefert, Brenda Jones, Julie Long, Dennis Bening, Joe Holtmeyer, Jim Schwieterman, Jenelle Schwieterman, Pat Goetz, Donna Prenger, and Bev Price.

Members absent: Amy Bax, Don Whitener.

Chairman Jake Siefert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Center. Brenda made a motion to approve the February CMMG minutes and board minutes. Dennis moved to approve the financial report. Both motions were seconded and passed.

Old board documents: The board discussed a binder of documents pertaining to the 2001 State Convention and decided they needed to be shredded.

Community Outreach: Several groups have toured the greenhouse recently, including students from West School, Amy’s Girl Scout troop, and the Eldon Garden Club.

Plant Sale: Julie reported that the March CMMG meeting will include information about the Plant Sale. She will distribute flyers, car window signs, and save-the-date cards so that all MGs will be able to help publicize the event. Also, MGs can order Plant Sale T-shirts for $10. These will become the “uniform” for future plant sales and will help customers identify MGs at the Plant Sale. This is especially important for new MGs who do not yet have their nametags. Hypertufa pots made by MGs will be for sale at the May 4 event. Julie also said she has had requests for over 90 pots, so if anyone has plastic pots to donate, please call Julie at 295-6263. All sizes are needed, especially gallon ones.

Demo Garden: Jim gave the plans for the Conifer Garden to the city Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department.

Projects: Several projects need new chairs. Pat will send an email to all MGs asking for volunteers, and Jake will discuss the need at the March 26
meeting. Bev asked if non-MGs are allowed to help with projects. Jim said that liability issues would preclude that. Pat said that she and Peggy Salmon are submitting a project request for the Osage branch of the Missouri River Regional Library. Robin Russell would chair the project. No money will be requested, only potting soil and plants. Jim moved that the project request be approved; the board approved the project.

**Communications:** Jim reported that Dan Pawliczak has said he will administer the Yahoo group and make it active again. Board members commented on the two MG Facebook pages. Brenda Hancock is the administrator for the general CMMG Facebook page, and Julie Long administers the Plant Sale FB page. Both are “open groups” meaning that anyone can join, which means that news about our activities will be disseminated over a wide area. Jake will discuss this at the next general meeting.

**Spring Seminar:** Bev proposed that next year, if there is time, a speaker address the assembled participants about the MG program and CMMG. The seminar has become an important community outreach, and this would be good publicity. Jake said that the seminar committee met recently to discuss the success of the Feb. 28 seminar and finalize the financial report. Proceeds benefited the local MU Extension Center, which at its next board meeting can suggest making a donation to the LU Ag Club in appreciation for the use of the facilities at Carver Farm. Jake said that the seminar committee met recently to discuss the success of the Feb. 23 seminar and finalize the financial report. Proceeds benefited both the MU Extension Center and Lincoln University.

**Upcoming Programs:** Bev reminded board members who host a meeting to send the topic of the program to Sandie Cope in advance for inclusion in the newsletter. Dennis will contact her concerning the topic of the April meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Bev Price, Secretary