MINUTES
Quarterly Meeting, October 13th, 2010

Speaker Katie Kammler, Mo. Ext. Specialist, gave a very informative presentation on growing pumpkins. The meeting began at 8pm.

NEWS IN GENERAL: President Ron Patrick gave a large screen preview of the Master Gardener WEBSITE currently under construction. He also reported with accompanying pictures on the work done at FISHER HOUSE in preparation for their dedication on 9/25/10. Dorothy Schutte is in charge and the Mgs agreed there was too much work to maintain it alone, but they will be part of a group. More to be reported on this later.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: We were 4th in the state last year and Ron encouraged everyone to log their hours in. Those unable to do so can contact Tammy Slate who will do this for them. No hard copies for the Extension are necessary except when wanting a class deposit back.

STEERING COMMITTEE: Ron explained that State MG Policies and Procedures allowed for a steering committee and in light of how we are growing, one is necessary. The steering committee duties are to make decisions for and recommendations to the general membership concerning a variety of issues such as volunteer projects and their support, supplies, and expenses. The committee will meet the Wednesday before the first Thursday of the month when necessary. The steering committee was introduced. They are:


Janet Patrick read the minutes from the steering committee meeting of 9/22/10. The main part was an agreement with the Extension concerning MG financial practices. The following agreement with the Extension passed unanimously after a motion by Jim Raines and seconded by Tammy Slate to do so.

1. MGs will have their own checking account with their own federal taxpayer identification number.
2. Approval for MG expenses will be automatic out of Extension account with meeting minutes denoting motions and member approval.
3. Extension may audit Mg checking account on yearly basis.
4. MG President will report to Ext. Council once a year of activities taken place and future plans.
5. MG will take over T-shirts, sales to go to their checking account.
6. Non-refunded deposits will transfer from the Extension’s account to the Master Gardeners account, starting with the 2009 class.

TREASURER REPORT: Carolyn Krumrey reported there was approximately $6500.00 in the EXT/MG account and the MG checking account with 2 debit cards has been opened. Several deposits had not been made yet and a bill had not been paid out, but at present there is $90.00 in this account. Next year we plan to give gift cards to project heads to spend on their needs and purchase annuals wholesale for those projects interested.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS voted on: $35.00 for refreshments at meetings, $100 for food and refreshments at Jan. meeting, $60. for funeral flowers for deceased Mgs., and the MG President is authorized to spend up to $200.00 without prior approval, but with receipts turned into the Treasurer. This vote will apply unless changed with a future vote. Heather Sachs motioned and Tammy Slate seconded that these items be approved. The vote was unanimous.

LEVEL I CLASSES: President Patrick announced that next spring our classes will be part of Jefferson College’s continuing education program. This will cost just $5.00 per student and all our previous level one students can attend at no cost.

LEVEL II CLASSES: There will be at least four. Pins were given to those completing this training.

NEXT MEETING: January 5, 2011 at Kress Farm. Donna Petit motioned and Mary Stroups seconded this date and that our meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Janet Patrick