

October 7, 2019- Meeting of Cass County Master Gardeners

Present: Darlene Arnett, Janice Britz, Cliff Bruce, David Dewsnap, Kathee Glodowski, Glenda Gash, Jim Hart, Vicky Hart, Greg Mansker, Sue Scaccia, Dean Scott, Kathi Mecham, and Intern Melodie Armstrong

The minutes of September 9, 2019 were reviewed. Motion by Kathee and seconded by Greg to approve as printed. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report was reviewed. Cliff reported the balance as of October 3, 2019 shows \$4,352.82. Motion by Greg and seconded by Kathee to accept as printed. Kathi to talk with Jenni about MG class fees and expenses that are shown on MG treasurer report. Anything for class shouldn't show up on MG report.

Volunteer Hours report given by Glenda shows 743 hours. Kathi will check to see whether cutoff for reporting hours for the year is end of November or December. Do the final hours need to be reported to someone?

Hotline is finished for the year. The question arose as to whether report on contacts needs to be reported anywhere. We have kept tally to see when busiest, how many phone calls, and how many walk-ins. It was suggested maybe and County Council leadership would be interested in numbers. The completed forms are kept on file in Extension Office. A report should probably be given to MU Extension possibly to see how busy we are. Kathi will check with Council Leadership Committee way to pull report on how many hours hotline is putting in.

Information was shared on County Council responsibilities and the need for someone from Master Gardeners serving on the Council. Kathi will contact Melissa at Extension Office and cc David to determine if there is a vacancy and for which region needs representation and when elections are held. Consensus is that we're not being represented as MG. Darlene will follow up with a call to Melissa.

Treats are covered through November.

OLD BUSINESS

Demo Garden/4-H Classes – Glenda reported that there are two 4H participants interested in the second session Gardening 2. She will work with them after first of the year. There was over 152 pounds of produce harvested from the Demo Garden by the 4H participants.

Extension Garden beds were weeded by Darlene and Glenda on September 23rd. The gardens will be left alone for winter months as they do provide shelter for animals over wintering. Cleanup date will be set in the spring.

MG Training Class graduation will be October 14th, the last night, and Certificates will be handed out. MG should plan on all of us being there. MG's will bring Subway (Darlene), drinks (Kathee) and dessert (Sue). Glenda and Darlene have been working on getting all the interns onto the Volunteer Contact list. Darlene will be adding them to the Cass email group. Inactive MG will be removed from the Cass email group.

We haven't heard back from Doris on plans for Snowball Hill Prairie Opportunity and our helping with the new parking area and gardens. Darlene will contact Doris.

Cass Regional Hospital Plant Sale netted over \$3,000. Jim was the only MG that reported being there to help with the setup on Thursday.

Cliff reported that MG clothing can be obtained by contacting Heartland T-Shirt Sales for individual sale of t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, pull overs, etc. They have the Cass County MG Logo on file. Contact information: www.heartlandtshirtsales.com, 1300 Main Street, Grandview, MO 64030, 816.763.3891.

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Greg announced that the Belton Parks would like help with tree pruning at Memorial Park Station on Tuesday, October 8, 8:30am, and possibly with planting mums at High Blue Fitness on Wednesday, October 10. Darlene will attempt to have email data base updated with the new MG Interns in time to send out email when information is received about Wednesday. Greg will announce these opportunities to the Interns at the MG Class this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Greg was able to visit and talk with Vanda Meehan at High Blue Fitness regarding the Spring Gardening Classes. Tuesday nights are not available but Thursday nights are available. We can have the room from 6:30 to 8:30 starting on 3/12/2020 and ending 4/30/2020. They will waive the \$468.00 charge. Motion by Kathee and seconded by Glenda to reserve the room for the timeframe stated. Motion passed. Greg was given permission to sign if possible. Greg will check on the maximum capacity for the room. We will need to look at when to have MG Meetings during the classes. Participants would be required to pre-register for the classes. No cost for the classes.

Suggested Speakers for Spring Gardening Classes were Pat Miller, Paula Diaz, Kathi, individuals for KC MG Speakers Bureau

Suggested Topics:

- Fermenting
- Composting Worms (possible Saturday workshop, Kathi to check on with Pulaski MG)
- Indoor Plants
- Tree Pruning and Tree Maintenance (Kathi)
- Tool Care and Maintenance
- Native Gardening (Paula)
- Gardening Soil Preparation
- Practical Landscaping for the Homeowners (Kathi)
- Getting Started in Vegetable/Flower Gardening (Gardening 101)

We will not offer are Backyard Chickens or Canning. Those who are interested will be referred to classes being held by MU specialists. MG need to think about topics and come to November meeting prepared to narrow down the list. Darlene has been in contact with KC MG about speaking. Speak as independent not MG representative. Paying fees was discussed and the need to think about precedence we would be setting by paying them. Look through the KC Gardener magazine and see if speakers may be available to help facilitate some of the classes.

Darlene read an email from Don Schuster regarding donation of garden supplies to MG. We are not a 501C3 organization thus can't give him a tax write-off for his donations. A motion that we not pursue was made by Greg and seconded by Kathee. Motion passed. Kathee will contact him and refer him to the hospital.

Elections of Officers for 2020:

Those nominated to serve were:

President	Darlene Arnett
Vice-President	Glenda Gash
Secretary	Janice Britz
Treasurer	Cliff Bruce

With no other nominations from the floor a motion was made by Dean and seconded by Greg that nominations cease and slate be accepted by acclamation. Motion passed. The above were elected as Cass County MG Officers effective November 2019. Sue has agreed to stay on as Hotline coordinator.

Darlene mentioned that our Bylaws will need to be reviewed next month. Darlene will send out latest version Jan. 17, 2019.

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Treats for November Cliff and Glenda

Meeting adjourned at 5:57pm. No raffle held.

<http://extension.missouri.edu/cass/mastergardeners.aspx>

Upcoming Events

- October 8 - 9am-11am, Memorial Park, tree pruning with Tree Keeper
- October 14 – MG Class Graduation (following class) – Subway and cake to celebrate!!
- October 17 – Gardeners Gathering – Kaufmann Center-6:30 – “Gardening for Birds and Bats”
- November 14 – Monthly Meeting. – Extension office at 5:00 PM. Evaluate MG Training Classes; Planning for 2020 and plans for Spring Gardening Classes
- November 14 – **After the Meeting** “Invasive Plants – Escapes from the Landscape” – **Presented by Pat Miller**
- December – No Meeting

Action Items

Kathi	Talk with Jenni about MG class fees and expenses that are shown on treasurer’s report; Confirm cutoff date for reporting hours; Contact Melissa at Extension Office to determine if there is a vacancy on County Council. If so for what demographic area, when elections are being held. cc to David Hoffman. Check with Council Leadership Committee way to pull report on hotline hours; Spring Gardening Classes: Facilitate classes on Tree Pruning and Tree Maintenance and Landscaping; Check with Pulaski MG about Composting Worms as a Saturday workshop or if someone available to do an hour session.
Darlene	Follow up call to Melissa regarding County Council; October 7 MG Class Graduation-order Subway sandwiches; Update of email data base with MG Class Interns; Call Doris on plans for Snowball Hill Prairie; Send out latest version, Jan. 17, of Bylaws.
Kathee	October 7 MG Class Graduation-purchase tea; Contact Doug Schuster and refer him to Cass Hospital about his donations
Sue	October 7 MG Class Graduation-bring dessert
Greg	File paperwork to secure High Blue Wellness for Spring Classes Check on the maximum capacity for the room at High Blue Fitness