

MASTER GARDENER MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Jane Lago.

Roll Call: Mary Barile, Carol Cox, Susan Felten, Jackie Hickam, Eddie Hudson, Jane Lago, Dora Rowles, Jackie Sieckman, and Paul Woods.

Discussion with Melanie Hutton re: plantings at Cooper County Public Health Center (CCPHC).

Melanie is asking for landscape suggestions for the CCPHC because many of the plants are dying. The entire east side plantings may need to be replaced. They are looking for plants that do not require a lot of maintenance.

- Discussion:
 - Setting: Very sunny area, particularly the south-facing front. Also, some of the planting areas are narrow.
 - Some plant ideas were mentioned: perhaps ninebark, viburnums, hellebores, flowers.
 - Native vs non-native plants, with natives being perhaps less maintenance intensive after the plants are established.
- Actions:
 - Form a committee to do a site visit and make suggestions. Members Susan Felten (project leader), Carol Cox, Jackie Hickam and Jackie Sieckman volunteered to be on the committee.
 - Create one native plant and one non-native plant plan to present to the CCPHC board.
 - The next CCPHC board meeting will be Sept. 3. Probably too soon for recommendations to be presented. The committee will plan to have the recommendations for sure by the Oct. meeting.

Secretary's Report: Jackie S moved to accept the report as written, Paul seconded the motion. All approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Ending balance as of 6/30/19: \$3504.74. Children's Learning Garden: \$1614.46.
- Ending balance as of 7/31/19: \$3450.63. Children's Learning Garden: \$1535.26.
- Jackie H. moved to accept the report as written, Mary B seconded the motion. All approved.

Reports on Ongoing Projects

- **Children's Learning Garden (CLG)**
 - The last CLG meeting of the year Tuesday Aug. 6. Due to weather, vegetable planting was late so there are still tomatoes, corn, melons and beans that will ripen and need to be picked. Participant's parents can come on Sunday Aug 18th to do more picking. The MGs may pick for their own use before then for those vegetables that will be overripe by the 18th.
 - The application window has just opened for the Boonville Community Grant cycle. For the 2018 cycle (used in 2019) we received a grant of \$1000. Mary Jenkins will complete the paperwork needed to close out the grant used this year. We agreed to apply for the 2019 cycle (to be used in 2020.) Mary B volunteered to write the grant application but needs to know our plans for next year's CLG. Ideas generated include purchasing a game camera to show the children what animals frequent the garden, purchasing of child-sized tools to give to the participants and bringing in interesting and educational outside speakers.
 - The end of season meeting for the CLG will be at 5:30 p.m. prior to the regular Sept. 4 MG meeting.
- **Calaboose Garden:**
 - The gardens are in good shape thanks to our earlier plantings and the Friends of Historic Boonville (FOHB) volunteer who has gone above and beyond his originally volunteered tasks.

- No more additional plantings are needed at this time.
- The peonies have come down with something that looks like a mildew, mold, or fungus. If FOHB will agree, it may be best to pull them up.
- **Food Bank Tomato Plants:** We did not do this activity this year. Jackie H will check with Orsheln's to see if they have unsold seeds we can give away for fall planting.
- **Other Booths, Information tables**
 - By the Sept. meeting Jane will determine when the Thursday night town activities (Market Nights?) are scheduled. We will decide if we want to participate. If yes, we can sell plants in addition to providing information.
- **Chestnut Festival, Oct 5:**
 - We plan to have a table at the Chestnut Festival; this year by ourselves, not with another chapter.
 - We can sell plants and/or make Fairy Gardens.
 - We can also give away unused seeds currently stored in the CLG shed. (Left over from past year's Food Pantry seed giveaways.)

Miscellaneous

- **Report on Tomato Day at HARC in Franklin**
 - Paul, Susan, Carol and Dora attended.
 - It was smaller than when held at Bradford Research Farm, but there were plenty of tomatoes to taste and good presentations. There was also melon tasting.
- **Don't forget to report your MG hours.**
- **Report from Todd:**
 - Jane will talk to Todd after the State Fair is over about holding a new MG Class.
- **Thank the Teen Council**
 - Paul asked Jane to ask Darlene to draft a Thank You letter to the Teen Council 4H students who helped with the CLG.
- **Just a reminder**
 - At the Sept. meeting we will name a nominating committee for next year's officers.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jackie H and seconded by Paul.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Carol Cox

For Secretary Mary Jenkins