



WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS GARDEN GAZETTE 2012

Next Planning and Scheduling Session is October 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the 4-H Meeting Room on the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.

The September 18, 2012 Planning/Scheduling meeting took place at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds 4-H Meeting Room. A carry-in dinner was held prior to annual plant and seed exchange. New, this year, a photo contest and Green Elephant Exchange took place after the meeting.

The Planning/Scheduling meeting was called to order by President Larry Agee at 6:45 p.m. Sam Liggett, Vice President, reported Yvonne Russell as the guest speaker in October. The topic will be utilizing our Facebook page and other navigation tips.

The Recording Secretary, Kathy Hutton, accepted the August minutes approved as they appeared in the gazette.

Treasurer, John Hilderbrand, gave the current account balance.

Cyd Hunter, Service Coordinator, distributed badges to the following people as they have completed their certification: Richard Watson, Jill Fleener, Gene Jarvis, Mary Howard Hamilton, and George Needham. The Bronze Level badge went to Pat Youman. **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Committee Reports: The Giving Garden has donated 9300 pounds thus far. They are meeting on Monday and Thursday from 8 to 11a.m. for harvesting.

City Parks: The Springhill Bank bed has been mulched.

County Park: Hawthorn Park will be mulched in October. They have stopped deadheading the rose hips and will trim the plants in February.

Peggy Harlan reported on the Christmas in the Park committee plans. The contest set-up is November 23. The train ticket sales will be on the 16th of Dec. with cocoa, cookies and candy canes being sold that night. A committee meeting was scheduled to follow the September general meeting.

The Spring Seminar committee has secured three guest speakers, but, still no venue or date

Sharon Polge explained the seeding project for children at the Library Learning Days on September 22.

OLD BUSINESS: The State conference will have four members representing our organization October 4 – 6 in Noblesville, Ind.

Pat Secrest reported on the Soil and Water Science Day. Although there was only one hornworm in attendance, all Vigo County fifth graders gained a wealth of knowledge on conservation days.

Debbie Gansz reported on Clay County Nature Day.

John Hilderbrand and his committee garnished top prize for Altrusa Chili cook-off's **HOTTEST CHILI** for the second consecutive year. GREAT JOB!!

The nominating committee has submitted the following slate of officers upon which will be voted on at the October meeting.

President: Sam Liggett

Vice President: Bob Archer

Recording Secretary: Pat Youman

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin

Treasurer: John Hilderbrand

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter

Board Member (Past Officers)(vote for two) Larry Agee, Kathy Hutton

Board Member-at-Large: Bill Hiatt

Absentee ballots must be in hands of the Recording Secretary in a sealed envelope 7 days prior to election.

NEW BUSINESS: The next Intern Class will begin February 6, from noon to 3pm. The program continues through May and will be \$85 through the Purdue Extension Office.

A Thank You note was sent to our organization from Ruth Ridener for the donation made for the Vigo County Fair Open Class awards sponsored by the Horticulture Department.

Larry's announcements were as follows:

Sept. 22: Park County Gourd Festival. Helen Thomas.

Sept. 23: Friends of the Arboretum Open House...CAKE!!

Oct. 7: Old Fashioned Days at Collett Park; T. H. Parks and Recreation.

Oct. 20: Ohio Valley Garden Conference in Evansville. Paul James, speaker.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bill and Janice Hiatt on their Wedding Anniversary...more than 50 years!! Best wishes to a wonderful couple!

Next Board meeting will be Oct. 4, 6:00pm at Grand traverse Pie Company.

Next Planning/Scheduling meeting Oct. 16, 6:30pm at the 4-H meeting room at the Fairgrounds.

Meeting adjourned with one hour volunteer time for the 34 members present.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 4, 2012 minutes

Location: Grand Traverse Pie Company

Board members present: Sam Liggett, Bob Archer, Verna Gaskin, Kathy Hutton

Called to order by Vice President Sam Liggett at 6:00pm.

Vice President, Sam, reported Yvonne Russell will speak on topic of Facebook pages at the October meeting. Verna will bring her remote wireless and her laptop. Sam will check with Jim Luzar for the use of the projector screen from the Extension Office. Some discussion was held on pursuing the possibility of purchasing a secondhand projector screen for presentations. A November speaker has not been arranged.

Recording Secretary, Kathy, filed the minutes of the September Board meeting as approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Giving Garden has produced 10,000 pounds according to Bob Archer. This meets last year's production.

Spring Seminar will be called "Gardeners Gathering". Date and location is yet to be determined. No committee report.

City Parks: Kathy Hutton, current bed keeper of Butterfly Garden, will be asking for someone to take on responsibility of maintaining the Garden for 2013.

Christmas in the Park committee will be decorating the shelter in Deming Park on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Also the December 16th train ride and hot cocoa sales fall under the direction of this committee.

OLD BUSINESS: Nominating committee has published the slate of officers and voting will be at the October membership meeting.

The state Conference runs Oct. 4-6. Four members will report on it at the next meeting.

The Spring Intern Class will begin in February and conclude in May for the cost of \$85, meeting every Wednesday from noon to 3pm. The proposal of scholarships from our association will be brought before the membership. Options discussed were a full scholarship for one person or two partial scholarships for two people.

An eco seminar, "Our Green Valley" will be held Nov. 9 and 10. Inconclusive discussion held on acquisition of education hours for all or part of this seminar. Jane Santucci may be contacted for specifics. Jim Luzar will make the ultimate decision as to the topics being applicable for education hours.

A member of the Crawford County Illinois Master Gardeners wishes to transfer to Vigo County. The Board recommends dues be assessed for year 2013, with disregard for the 2 remaining months of 2012; however, no conclusion was made as to how to handle the transfer of her acquired hours.

Next Board meeting is on November 1 at 6:00pm at the Grand Traverse Pie Company.

Next Planning/Scheduling meeting is October 16 at 6:30pm at the Fairgrounds 4-H meeting room. See you then.

Bob Archer says they are harvesting on Mondays only at the giving Garden.