



WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER  
AUGUST 2013 GARDEN GAZETTE

Next planning and scheduling session is August 20 at the Vigo County Fairgrounds in the 4-H Building at 6:30 pm. Educational time will be Tim Christie, Wildlife Management.

Minutes of the July 16, 2013 Planning and Scheduling Meeting at Fairgrounds at 6:30 pm.

Program: Pat Secrest presented information on beneficial insects, with 1 hour Education time.

The meeting was called to order @ 7:30 pm by President Sam Liggett.

Vice President, Bob Archer listed future education programs: August – Tim Christie, Wildlife Management; September – Plant and Seed Exchange – no education time; October and November – Jim Spear from ISU, study of ancient seeds and Bob Archer and Phil Small – tree identification.

Corresponding Secretary , Verna received thank you note from the Luke House Board of Directors and residents.

Treasurer, John reported balance with expenses from the Giving Garden, Fair, and Garden tour. A check has been sent for \$500 to IVY Tech for scholarship.

Committees: Service Coordinator, Cyd Hunter reported that Susan Polifroni has earned her certified badge.

Giving Garden: Greg Fields reported a donation of \$250 was received from the India Association. A thank you was sent. The garden is now donating to the Life Center as a new soup kitchen. Greg passed a detailed list of produce that has been harvested this year which totals 3,485 pounds as of Monday, July 15. Panty

hose are needed to hold up the watermelon as they grow. More sprinklers have been purchased. Additional tomato and pepper plants were planted.

Beds: Roger was absent. The Patriotic Garden is being watered.

Hawthorn Park: Charlene said the roses need to be deadheaded. A work day was set for Tuesday, July 23 at 8:30 am.

Vigo County Fair: Bill reported that \$575 was spent on the fair projects. It was moved that we would give them the additional money. The motion passed. The projects attendance was: Painting rocks – 144, Paper flowers – 50, Flower Arrangement – 198, stepping stones – 320 and little sprouts – 30.

Old Business:

It was agreed that the rest of the money for the flowerbed at Fruitridge and Ohio would be used for fall planting.

The nomination committee for 2014 is Greg Fields, Carol Swearingen, and Charlene McKean. They will publish a slate of 6 officers and 3 directors in September. It will be voted on at the October meeting.

New Business:

The plant and seed exchange will be during September meeting. There is to be a carry-in beginning at **6:00 pm** in the 4-H Building. Bring your plants and seeds and other garden goodies that you would like to share.

The State Fair Purdue Information booth for August 12<sup>th</sup> has been filled.

Soil and water conservation days are September 10, 11, and 12 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm at the Vigo County Fairgrounds. Pat Secrest needs members to help with the teaching.

Announcements:

- Indiana State Fair August 2 – 18
- State Conference September 5 – 7 in Bristol, IN
- Yvonne presented a new banner
- Greg will have information about the garden greenhouse during the next meeting
- Next planning and scheduling meeting is August 20 at the Vigo County Fairgrounds 4-H Building, 6:30 pm

- Next Board meeting is August 1 at the Vigo County Public Library, Room C at 6:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned with .75 hr of volunteer time and 1 hr education for the 33 members present.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 1<sup>st</sup> at Vigo County Public Library at 6:00pm

President Sam Ligget called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members in attendance: Sam Liggett, Cyd Hunter, Bill Hiatt, Verna Gaskin, Bob Archer, Pat Youman and John Hilderbrand.

Minutes of last board meeting: Were approved as published in Gazette.

Vice President: Bob Archer listed the future speakers and topics as:

August – Tim Christie – mammal garden pests

September – none – plant and seed exchange and carry-in

October – Dr. Jim Speer – tree rings or Mrs. Speer – ancient seeds

November – John Rosene – trip to the country of Georgia

December – none – holiday carry-in

Corresponding Secretary: Verna sent a thank you card to ISU for the new banner.

Treasurer: John reported the balance as of August 1. All outstanding checks have been written and deposits have been made.

Committees: Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter has ordered two new badges.

Giving Garden: Bob reported that over 8000 pounds of produce has been harvested from the garden. New broccoli, cabbage and bok choy plants are being planted. Larry Agee said a minister from Wabash, IN had been in contact with

him wanting to know about starting a garden to supply food to the needy. Word is getting out about what we are doing here.

Gardens: Roger Tonsfeldt absent. Verna reported that a workday to pull weeds had been set for Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1<sup>st</sup> and Oak. Larry Agee reported that the new Natural Resource Programmer, Amber Slaughterbeck, is to purchase the 3 in 1 systemic and Round-up needed for Hawthorne Park. A date has not yet been set to apply this.

Vigo County Fair: Bill Hiatt said a gift card was sent to Ryan Keyes for all of the voluntary time he has put in helping with our projects at the fair.

Old Business:

Sam Ligget, Peggy Harlan and Mary Ellen Hlatko will be attending the State Conference.

Members on the Nomination Committee are Carol Swearingen, Greg Fields and Charlene McKean. They have a meeting planned for August 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Purdue Master Gardener Booth at the state fair for August 12 has been filled.

New Business:

Altrusa Chili Cook-off is to be on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Tasting is from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Awards will be presented at 4:00pm. John has dried peppers from last year. He was to see if we wanted to make two kinds of chili this year. A budget of \$200 should cover the costs of two kinds.

Greenhouse at the Giving Garden: A Lilly Endowment has given passive solar greenhouse kits to: ISU (2 kits), Rose Hulman, St. Mary's, Otter Creek MS, North Vigo HS, and Purdue Extension/IVY Tech which is to be located at the Giving Garden. In addition to the kit, each will receive a \$1000 debit at the Apple House and \$2000 to buy supplies to put the kit together. The greenhouses are heated by black water barrels which will heat by the sun during the day and emit heat during

the evening. They will have automatic vents and computers to check the temperature overnight. They are to be up and running by June 2014. We need to use it and keep records.

John Hilderbrand offered to sell his Sony Vaio computer to the Master Gardeners. It is loaded with the program for keeping the treasurer's records, power point, excel, word, and Norton Security. Larry Agee made a motion to buy the computer. It was seconded by Verna Gaskin. The motion carried. Larry then made a motion to give John a down payment. It was seconded by Verna. The motion carried. The computer is to be kept by the treasurer because of the software. It can be used for presentations at meetings and the Spring Seminar.

Announcements:

Indiana State Fair is August 2<sup>nd</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>

State Conference is September 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>, Bristol, IN

September 17<sup>th</sup> Planning and Scheduling Meeting will have a carry-in and

Plant and seed exchange beginning at 6:00pm

Next Planning and scheduling meeting is August 20, 2013 at the 4-H

Building at 6:30pm

Next Board of Directors meeting is September 5, 2013 at the Public

Library, Room C, 6:00pm

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Hiatt and seconded by Cyd Hunter. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned after 1 hour volunteer time.