



AUGUST 2017

GARDEN GAZETTE

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Vigo COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 6:00pm
JUNE 1, 2017**

Meeting called to order by President Greg Fields at 6:00pm.

Officers in attendance: President Greg Fields, Corresponding Secretary Verna Gaskin, Assistant Treasurer Carl Trent, Corresponding Secretary Jessica Fields, Past Officers Larry Agee and Sam Ligget, Member-at-Large Phil Small.

Non-Board members in attendance: Dana Gaden, Purdue Educator. Dana stated that all board members will undergo Civil Rights and Diversity training in August.

Vice-President Charlene McKean was not in attendance. There will be no Board meeting in July or a Planning and Scheduling meeting.

Corresponding Secretary Verna Gaskin had nothing to report.

Treasurer Mary Beth Prickel was not in attendance. Assistant Treasurer Carl Trent gave the report and balance in our account.

Service Coordinator Jessica Fields reported next badge order due June 2nd. Three people are moving up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Giving Garden: Planting more tomatoes on June 2. Groundhog is eating some of the plants. Have been hilling the potatoes. Everything is looking good. Have extra tomato cages if anyone is interested. Contact Greg. They are 2' wide by 4' tall.

Flowerbed report: Larry Agee stated 1st & Oak is done. Some flowers are missing from 3rd & Maple. Patriotic garden still needs more mulch put down. Butterfly Garden is pretty much done except for the walk-way.

Website Committee: Sam Ligget had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Herb Fair wrap up: Was able to get rid of all plants and baskets.

Garden Tour: Committee is working on obtaining gardens to tour and directions.

Fair Committee: Little Sprouts will be with Amber Slaughterbeck doing a program on turtles followed by a wagon ride to the Giving Garden and tour of the garden. Make & takes are all set.

Tribune Star write-up will be in the June 11th paper in the Valley Viewer section.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas in the Park: Co-Chairmen will be Ruth Bohner and Bob Archer.

First Friday: Dana will have a table set up at Barnes & Noble and will be planting a flower. This is on June 2 from 5 – 7pm.

Downtown Terre Haute: Stephanie Pence has asked the Master Gardeners if they would help in planting and watering the concrete planters along Wabash Avenue. Discussion followed. Tabled at this time.

Fair Activities meeting is June 6 at 3pm at Purdue Extension Office.

Raised beds for Happiness Bag: As a thank you to the Happiness bag people who came over to the Giving garden and helped in picking produce, we the Master Gardeners, would like to build them two raised beds. We would supply the boards, soil and plants and build them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Check wvmga.org website for additional announcements.

NEXT MEETINGS:

P & S meeting, June 24th, which is the Garden Tour and carry-in.

Board members received .75 hours of volunteer time.

Submitted by Corresponding Secretary, Verna Gaskin for Recording Secretary, Carole Dreher

**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING
GARDEN TOUR
JUNE 24, 2017**

Meeting called to order by President Greg Fields after a delicious carry-in at the home of Bill and Janice Hiatt. Gardens toured were St. Mary of the Woods White Violet Center, Holly

Arboretum, Patriotic garden, The Pickery on Margaret Avenue and the gardens of Bill & Janice Hiatt. A scavenger word hunt was held at the Hiatt's. Wooden spoons with letters painted on them to spell out a word pertaining to gardening were placed all around the gardens. The hidden word was "organic". Jo Ligget won the prize by guessing the word correctly.

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

Vice President not in attendance.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna had nothing to report other than everyone try to read emails often as workdays are scheduled at a moment's notice.

Treasurer: Mary Beth gave the balance in our account. She stated she had one t-shirt left to sell.

Service Coordinator: Jessica not in attendance. Next badge order is due September 1st.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Giving Garden: Greg said there is a problem with a groundhog eating cabbage. He stated there were some new interns helping and thanks to all volunteers who are helping. 350 tomato plants have been planted.

Website Committee: Sam had nothing to report.

Flowerbed reports: Nothing to report.

Fair Committee: Chairman Bill Hiatt stated a company in Greencastle will furnish all the cement for the stepping stones. Sam will help in picking up the cement. Pie pans have been ordered for the stones. Larry Agee will see about getting some flowers from a local florist delivery company. Still in need of trinkets.

OLD BUSINESS:

Raised beds for Happiness Bag: They came over and helped pick produce and as a thank you we would like to build them two raised beds. A motion was made and seconded with all in favor to spend \$75 on material and soil.

Flower beds at South Vigo High School (Aaron Warner): They will need someone to water and weed in the courtyard once a week through the summer while school is out.

NEW BUSINESS:

Farmers Market Booth (Kids Day) – July 22 at 8am to noon. Possibly make birdfeeders. Will check with Sharon Polge.

Ivy Tech Scholarship: Possibly do a second scholarship. Motion made and seconded with all in favor to do a second scholarship of \$500.

Christmas in the Park: Ruth Bohner and Bob Archer to co-chair the event.

Indiana State Fair Master Gardener Booth August 10 from 2 – 7pm and August 13 from 9am to 2pm. Need volunteers to work the booth on both days.

Conservation Field Days Sept. 12, 13, 14 from 9am to 2 pm. Bob Archer and Phil Small are co-chairmen of this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Check wvmga.org website for additional announcements.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- **Board meeting August 3, 6:00pm Vigo County Library, room 6**
- **P & S meeting August 15, 4H meeting room at the Fairgrounds, 6:30pm**

Members received 1 hour volunteer time.

Submitted by Corresponding Secretary, Verna Gaskin for Recording Secretary, Carole Dreher

**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, ROOM 6
AUGUST 3, 2017**

President Greg Fields called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and introduced Purdue Educators Dana Gadenken and Kristi Whitaker who present a program for Extension Volunteers on Civil Rights and Diversity. The module concluded with a few questions over what had been covered and a discussion about public prayer at meetings.

Members in attendance: Greg Fields, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Mary Beth Prickel, Larry Agee, Sam Ligget, Phil Small, Jessica Fields and Carl Trent.

Non Board members in attendance: Purdue Educators: Dana Gadenken & Kristi Whitaker.

Minutes of last Board meeting: Carol Dreher – there were none because we did not have a meeting in July.

Vice President: Charlene McKean was not present but Greg indicated that Sam Ligget will be the speaker for the August meeting. Sam said that he needs a laptop computer and a projector for his presentation.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin said that she had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Mary Beth Prickel passed out some reports and went on to discuss income and expenses and noted the ending balance as of 8/2/17. She said that she was trying to update the membership list, but was missing telephone numbers and addresses for some of the new interns.

Service Coordinator: Jessica Fields said that the next badge order is due to be submitted on 9/1/17.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Greg reported that 9,090 pounds of produce (including sweet corn from Westminster Village) has been harvested and distributed from the garden. The last corn harvest will take place on Tuesday, August 8, at 7:00am. The tomatoes are slow and the sweet potatoes are not doing well. Employees from the Extension Office are trying to volunteer at least one day during the summer to help with harvesting produce from the garden.

Flowerbeds: Larry Agee reported.

Carole Dreher reported that the bed at 3rd & Maple looks fantastic.

Larry said that he has been spraying the walkways in Deming Park and Bob Archer has mulched the Butterfly Garden.

Larry thinks we need to have a fall meeting with the Parks Department if we want them to plant anything for us next year. Also need to meet with Verna about ordering seeds to be planted for the beds.

Website: Sam said he had nothing to report on the website. He did remark that he recently went to Deming Park and saw several people visiting the Patriotic Garden and Butterfly Garden.

Spring Seminar 2018: Jessica said that she is working on getting speakers. There was some discussion about the food vendors. Last year's cold weather was a problem for the vendors who had trailers located outside.

OLD BUSINESS:

Farmers Market Kids Day – July 22, 2017 – Verna reported that several children made paper posies at our booth.

Fair Committee wrap-up – Verna reported that we assisted fair goers in making 200 paper posies, 173 painted rocks, 183 flower arrangements and 339 stepping stones.

Happiness Bag Raised Beds – Greg said that we made two raised beds for them at a cost of around \$75.

Soil Conservation Field Days - 9/12, 9/13, 9/14 – 9am to 2pm. Greg said that Bob Archer, Phil Small and Sam Ligget have volunteered to take on this project.

Indiana State Fair Master Gardener Booth – Thursday, August 10, 2pm – 7pm and Sunday, August 13, 9am – 2pm. Dana said that she has tickets to the fair for volunteers. She has one volunteer who will need a ride, but still needs more volunteers. Verna will issue an e-mail.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas in the Park: Bob Archer and Ruth Bohner have agreed to head up this project.

Greg noted that Westminster Village has scheduled an event on August 18th from 11am to 2pm. They intend to recognize Ivy-Tech, Master Gardeners and others. Greg said that he will attend to represent Master Gardeners.

Nominating committee – Greg said that he believes that he is scheduled to appoint a chairperson for this committee at the August meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Check wvmga.org for additional announcements.

Next Planning and scheduling meeting is August 15, 6:30pm, 4H meeting room, Fairgrounds.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Public Library on 9-7-17 at 6:00pm, room 6.

Meeting adjourned after 1 hour volunteer time.

Submitted by Recording Secretary Carole Dreher

It's an exciting time! County fair with Make-and-takes and horticulture submissions is done, and "Plant Info to Go" booth at the State fair is here at last. These are prime opportunities to show our family and friends what we love doing. How gardening and taking care of our community allow us to be part of something bigger. Get out and about, make something beautiful!

-Dana Gadeken

Master Gardener Coordinator and ANR Educator Vigo County