



WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER DECEMBER 2013 GARDEN GAZETTE #1

Next planning and scheduling meeting is Tuesday, **December 3, 2013, 6:00pm** at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds, in the 4-H Meeting Room. This is a “bring your favorite holiday snack” for the Christmas Gathering carry-in. Spouses are invited also.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: November 7, Vigo County Public Library at 6:00pm.

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

Members in attendance: Sam Ligget, Carl Trent, Cyd Hunter, Bob Archer, Bill Hiatt, Beth Keyes, Verna Gaskin, Larry Agee, and Pat Youman.

Member in attendance: Peggy Harlan

Minutes of last board meeting: Approved as written in the Gazette.

Vice President: Bob Archer reported on upcoming education programs.

November – John Rosene on his trip to the Republic of Georgia and January – Keith Ruble on invasive plants.

Corresponding secretary: Verna had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Carl gave the balance as of November 7 with an outstanding bill that is less than \$100. Donations have been received from the Margaret Hoggatt memorial.

COMMITTEES: Service Coordinator reported that several members have turned in hours and will be receiving new badges. In order to receive new badges in January, hours must be in by December 5th.

Giving garden: The greenhouse north and south walls are up. A thank you needs to be sent to Kurt Jones for providing the concrete for the footers and concrete

blocks. Quality fence will provide and build a 6 foot chain-link fence to go around the garden.

Gardens: Bed keepers need to get figures in for their budget. Verna will alert the membership when there is a work day at Hawthorne Park to cut the roses back to 18 inches.

Spring Seminar: Looking for an additional speaker. A committee meeting will be called for next week. The Valley Viewer page has been reserved for the 3rd Sunday in February to highlight the spring Seminar.

OLD BUSINESS: *Christmas in the Park:* Peggy Harlan reported the theme for this year is "North Pole International". Set-up for the display at Deming Park will start at 9:00am on Saturday the 23rd at the trailer at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. Trucks are needed to transport the display to Deming Park, so plenty of help is needed for this. If you can't make it to the fairgrounds, be at Deming Park at 10:00am to help set everything up and again lots of help is needed for this. They will continue setting up everything on Sunday the 24th at 10:00am at the Park. Everything has to be in place by the 25th. Lighting of the displays will be at 6:00pm on Dec. 2nd. The judging will be on Dec. 9th starting at 6:00pm with judging of our shelter at 7:10pm. We have the train ride and concession (hot chocolate) on December 15th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This counts as volunteer time also.

The Committee Chair Display board will be up during the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The proposed calendar for 2014 meetings was given for the board to review.

The Spring Intern Class will meet from February 6th through May 8th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

A food handling certification webinar class will be offered from Purdue. Some people from the Giving Garden will be attending.

Trees Inc. is raising money for EAB pesticide. \$530 will take care of 30 trees with a diameter of 16 inches or less. This will be brought up during the membership meeting in November. Keith Ruble will speak about it in January.

Proposed expenses for 2014 was given by Verna for the board to review.

Announcements:

- Next Planning and Scheduling Meeting: November 12, 2013, 4-H Meeting Room, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds, 6:30pm.
- Next Board of Directors Meeting: January 2, 2014, Vigo County Public Library, Room C, 6:00pm.
- Indiana Home and Garden Show, January 10 – 12, Indiana Convention Center.
- Indiana Flower and Patio Show, March 8 – 16, Indiana State Fairgrounds.

Meeting adjourned after 1.5 hours volunteer time.

PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING:

Minutes of November 12, 2013 Planning and scheduling meeting at Wabash Valley Fairgrounds at 6:30pm.

Program: John Rosene spoke about his trip to the Republic of Georgia.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Sam Ligget.

Vice President: Bob Archer reported that Keith Ruble would speak at the January meeting about invasive species of plants.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna has sent thank you notes for the memorial donations for Margaret Hoggatt and to Jones and Son for the concrete.

Treasurer: John was absent. The balance reported at the Board meeting was given with an outstanding bill that is less than \$100.

Committees: Service coordinator; Cyd Hunter was absent. Pat Youman reported that in order to receive a badge in January, your hours need to be turned in to Cyd by December 5th. Anyone with their hours ready to be turned in at the meeting should turn them into Pat and she will get them to Cyd.

Giving Garden: Greg Fields said the total amount of produce taken from the garden for the soup kitchens and food pantries was 22,558 pounds. Greg has made great plans for the greenhouse construction to take total advantage of the winter sun. Quality fence should start work on the fence around the garden soon.

There will be a workday on November 25th to work on the greenhouse construction. Watch for an email about the workday.

Flower Beds: Bed keepers need to get their budgets into Roger as soon as possible.

Hawthorne Park: Workdays to cut the roses back have been set for: Tuesday, Nov. 19th and Wednesday Nov. 20th beginning at 9:00am on both days. A lot of help is needed to get this job done.

Spring Seminar: Brenda Kirchner reported that they are still looking for speakers. A planning meeting for the committee will be scheduled for next Mon. or Tues.

OLD BUSINESS: Everyone is reminded to wear their badges to all meetings.

Christmas in the Park: Set up for the display will be on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 23rd and 24th. Check your email for the workday details. We will sell train tickets and hot chocolate on Sunday, December 15th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm (weather permitting). A sign-up sheet for workers was passed around at the meeting.

Committee Information: Chairpersons should have their 8.5" by 11" signs ready to be displayed at the December 3rd meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: A food handling certification webinar will be held November 14th, 19th and 21st from 1:00 to 4:00pm at Ivy Tech. Workers from the Giving Garden will be attending.

Trees Incorporated: Is asking for donations to pay for the treatment against the EAB. \$516 dollars is needed to treat 30 medium sized trees. Keith Ruble will speak about this at the January meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Indiana Home and Garden Show, Jan. 10-12, 2014 at the Indiana Convention Center
- Next Planning and Scheduling meeting, Dec. 3 at 6:00pm, Fairgrounds 4-H Building. Bring your favorite holiday snack for the Christmas Gathering carry-in.
- Next Board meeting, Jan. 2, 2014, Vigo County Public Library, room C, 6:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned with 1 hr. volunteer time and 1 hr. education time with 30 members present.

See you at the carry-in with your favorite holiday snack.

Wishing You and Your Family a Happy Holiday !

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