



FEBRUARY 2019

THE GARDEN GAZETTE

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS
PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2019, 6:30pm
WABASH VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS 4-H Meeting room

Educator: Bret Mishler from World Gospel Church talking about their community garden which was started three years ago. .75 education hours obtained.

Recording Secretary: Carole Dreher not present. Correction to published minutes – Bi-state conference correct date is Jan. 22, not Jan 31st.

Vice President: Ruth Bohner – no education for February yet.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin not present. However, she is going to send out an email to members the Calendar of Events for 2019.

Treasurer: Susie Thompson gave the balance as of meeting. Christmas in the Park had a net profit of \$369.02 and 2019 membership fee of \$15 is due.

Service Coordinator: Brenda Christianson stated to send volunteer and education hours to our PO Box if you do not want to enter them on the Purdue MG site. Brenda then will manually enter them for the gardener.

Giving Garden: Bob Archer. Will begin planting seeds for Earth Day and Giving Garden after the first of February. Received a letter from St. Benedict Church thanking us for the fresh produce we donated to their soup kitchen this past year.

Website: Sam Liggitt. 2019 form for recording hours posted on the website and previous monthly gazette are posted in the MG forum page.

Spring Seminar: Shannon Giles and Ruth Bohner discussed the format changes for this year. Seminar meetings scheduled for next two Tuesdays, 1/22 and 1/29, 10:30am t the United Methodist Temple on south 3rd. Three speakers for this year are John Rosene speaking on garden pests, Jennifer Muller speaking on Rose Hulman community garden and sustainability, Mike Lunsford speaking about nature.

Tablescapes: Carole Dreher. Dates are Feb. 22nd and 23rd.

Purdue Extension: Dana Gadeken. New Intern Class starts Feb. 5th. MG Annual Agreements are due. They can be completed online or on form from Dana. Dana passed out several new badges.

Old Business: Committee sign-up sheets were laid out for individuals to sign.

New Business: 2019 Calendar of events and 2019 proposed spending budget. 2019 spending budget was accepted and passed.

22 members present for .75 volunteer hours.

Submitted by Bob Archer for Recording Secretary Carole Dreher.

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 7, 2019, 6:00pm
Vigo County Public Library, room 6

PRESIDENT: Phil Small called the meeting to order at 5:54pm.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Phil Small, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Susie Thompson, Brenda Christianson, Larry Agee, Sam Ligget, and Bob Archer.

NON BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: none.

MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING: Carole Dreher said they had been published in the January Gazette.

VICE PRESIDENT: Ruth Bohner was not present but Phil said that she has arranged for Sue Rosiak to do a presentation on "Begonia and their habitat".

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna Gaskin said that she had nothing to report.

TREASURER: Sue Thompson presented a printed report showing income, expenses and balance of our account for the past three months. Some items were discussed and/or explained. She said that she had filled out information for the fidelity bond, removing Pat Youman's name and adding her own. The insurance has not yet been paid. We have received a tax form from Terre Haute Savings Bank. Sam wondered if we should consider moving some of our money to one or more short term CDs in order to earn more interest. Discussion took place. Larry Agee moved that we recommend to the membership

that we move \$8,000.00 to CDs at Terre Haute Savings Bank. Bob Archer seconded the motion which passed by a voice vote.

SERVICE COORDINATOR: Brenda Christianson and Bob Archer led a discussion about entering hours and inactive members. Phil, Brenda, Susie and Bob will meet later to discuss these matters more fully.

COMMITTEES:

GIVING GARDEN: Bob Archer said that some seeds have been planted for Earth Day, Herb Fair and City Parks Dept. We need 75 more tomato plants for Earth Day. Verna says she needs to plant Teddy Bear Sunflowers for Earth Day. Bob said he has started trimming Blackberry bushes and may ask for help. In 2-3 days they will be planting tomatoes for the Giving Garden. He said that Shannon Giles has an acquaintance who will till the garden for \$250. Bob said that he would like to go to a Fair Board meeting to thank them on behalf of our organization for allowing us to use their property for our meetings and events.

WEBSITE: Sam Ligget has updated the events calendar.

SPRING SEMINAR 2019: Verna reported that she has added the 2019 Spring Seminar to the events calendar and noted the date has been changed to March 23, 2019 and that it will be held in the Fairgrounds Banquet Center. We will have fewer vendors this year. A committee meeting is planned in the next week.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Sam Ligget said that he has a room reserved at the VCPL for this committee to meet on Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 9am to 12 noon.

OLD BUSINESS:

Phil said that Dana Gadeken has around 15 people enrolled in her Spring Intern Class. Verna said that she will be helping them plant seeds on February 26 in the IVTech greenhouse.

Five people from the 2017 Intern Class have completed the volunteer activities in the time required to become Certified Purdue Master Gardeners and earned rebates that were proposed for them. It is uncertain if these will be offered again in the future.

FLOWERBEDS: Larry Agee said that seeds have been planted for the Patriotic Garden.

NEW BUSINESS:

TABLESCAPES COMMITTEE: Carole Dreher reported that she had attended a designers meeting in the new venue at ISU's Student Union Building. Designers received table assignments and discussed several issues. Viewing days will be on February 22nd and 23rd.

Dana needs to have some volunteers to help in the Master Gardener Booth at the Indy Flower and Patio Show which takes place at the State Fairgrounds from March 9 through the 17th. She needs to have 2 to

4 people. Dates available are 3/9, 3/11, 3/13, 3/14, 3/15 and 3/16. Shifts run from 3pm to 8pm. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with this event please contact Dana.

Phil said that he has the application form for Christmas in the Park and that it needs to be turned in by 3/30 if we intend to participate again this year. He noted that last year's chairman prefers not to do it again this year.

We have been assigned a page in the Valley Viewer section of the Terre Haute Tribune Star on May 13, 2019. We will want to solicit photos from members for this page. Sam said that he may have some on the website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Check wvmga.org website for additional announcements.

Next planning and scheduling meeting – 4-H meeting room at the Fairgrounds, 6:30pm, 2/19/19.

Next Board of Directors meeting 3/7/19, 6:00pm, Public Library, room 6.

Meeting adjourned after 1.25 hours of volunteer time.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary