



**FEBRUARY 2018**

**GARDEN GAZETTE**

**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION  
PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING  
JANUARY 16, 6:30pm  
4-H Meeting Room, Vigo County Fairgrounds**

President Phil Small called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and noted that the education at tonight's meeting will follow the business portion of the meeting.

Phil reminded everyone to wear their name badges when attending P & S meetings and at all MG activities. Phil also asked that everyone work outside their comfort box by talking to someone new in the community and by volunteering for new committees.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

- **Recording Secretary:** Carole Dreher was not present. Minutes from December 2017 P&S and January Board meetings were approved. Bob Archer volunteered to take minutes for Carole.
- **Vice President:** Ruth Bohner introduced Emily Brunner, PhD., as the speaker for tonight. She said the topic would be Natural Merging Microbes and Soil biology. She works at the Natural Resource Conservation Service.
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Verna Gaskin not present.
- **Treasurer:** Brenda Christianson reported balance as of January 5, 2018 and noted that there were 2 checks outstanding. She reminded members that the WVMGA dues of \$15.00 for the year are due before the end of February.
- **Service Coordinator:** Jessica Fields not present.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Giving Garden:** Bob Archer, the garden committee will be the only people using the IVY Tech greenhouse this season. The good news we will have all the room we need, but we will be responsible for all the plant monitoring and watering. We usually have enough help the first part of the season, but need more help during the harvesting part of the summer.
- **Website:** Sam Ligget, Sam has placed new 2018 volunteer hours form on the website and announcements about other association spring activities throughout our area.
- **Audit Committee:** Sam Ligget said that this committee will complete 2017 financial audit by our February P & S meeting.
- **Publicity Committee:** Verna Gaskin (not present). Committee Shannon stated if anyone has pictures of activities, please text or email them to her. Also if anyone has a community or club newsletter that might include spring seminar information, let her know about it.
- **Spring Seminar:** Phil Small said that a flyer has been created with the four speaker topics. Date is Saturday, March 10. Set up starts Friday, March 9 at noon. Phil has a sign-up sheet for segments of time during the day. The committee has had several meetings and is working on getting vendors and sponsors.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Christmas in the Park:** Ruth Bohner reported that take down is complete.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A proposed spending budget for 2018 was presented. Proposed budget was approved by a voice vote.
- Phil noted that there are several Committee sign-up opportunities for 2018: Sam Liggett has displayed sign-up sheets.
- **Service Opportunities:** Dana Gadeken – one is at a summer garden program at Booker T. Washington on Tuesdays from 2-3pm during the school summer break.
- Dana wants to have some summer twilight education sessions for the general public.
- Dana noted that a Spring Master Gardener Intern class is underway. The classes take place on Thursdays, 6pm-9pm, February 8<sup>th</sup> thru May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Phil announced that the Annual Purdue Master Gardener Volunteer Agreement is due. The form can be completed on-line or they can see Dana after the meeting for a form.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **March 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2018 Arts Illiana Tablescares.** Our theme this year is Art in the Garden.

- The Indiana Home and Garden Show takes place at the Indianapolis Convention Center, February 9-11.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

- Board of Directors, Vigo County Public Library, Room 6, February 1 at 6pm.

Volunteer time earned: 1 hr. Education time earned: .75 hour.

Minutes by Bob Archer per Carole Dreher.

**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
February 1, 2018, 6:00pm  
Vigo County Public Library, Room 6**

**PRESIDENT, Phil Small called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Phil Small, Ruth Bohner, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Brenda Christianson, Jessica Fields, Larry Agee, Sam Ligget and Bob Archer.**

**NON BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dana Gadeken (Purdue Educator)**

**MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING: Carole Dreher, minutes for the December meeting were published in the January 2018 Garden Gazette.**

**VICE PRESIDENT: Ruth Bohner reported that the speaker for February will be Mark Minster who will speak about a Garden Project at Ben Franklin Elementary School. She is searching for a March speaker. April's speaker will be Dr. Coppinger from Rose Hulman who will talk about Native Orchids and give us an update on GMO's.**

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna Gaskin stated that she had nothing to report, but did say that she has some bills for our treasurer.**

**TREASURER: Brenda Christianson noted that membership dues of \$15.00 for the year are due by February 28, 2018. After that date they become \$20.00. She presented two reports, commented on some of the line items and reported the current balance in our account.**

**SERVICE COORDINATOR:** Jessica Fields stated that she has received and entered hours for a few people. Some of the board members said that they had entered their hours online.

**COMMITTEES:**

**GIVING GARDEN:** Bob Archer and Phil Small noted that they need to have an organizational meeting. Verna said that she has seeds. Bob said that we need to work on the problem of critters, especially groundhogs and rabbits, raiding the garden. Bob saw an idea for an addition to the fenced which might help.

Some things have already been planted for Earth Day, Herb Faire, etc. We will soon be planting Teddy Bear Sunflowers for Earth Day at the Woods.

**FLOWERBEDS:** Larry Agee said that Verna has a bill for seeds and needs to be reimbursed. It was moved and seconded that Verna be reimbursed by the Treasurer and that money from the City be put in the Treasury when received. Motion passed by a voice vote.

**BED KEEPER REPORTS:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> & Oak – Bob Archer said that he has recently worked on this bed.

**WEBSITE:** Sam Ligget noted that he still has the announcement for the Spring Intern Class at the top of the site and will now change it to announce the Spring Seminar.

**SPRING SEMINAR 2018:** Phil Small said that more flyers are needed. Dana agreed to bring 50 more to send out. A letter to potential “Friends of the Wabash Valley Master Gardeners” was presented for perusal.

**ARTS ILLIANA TABLESCAPES:** Carole Dreher reported that this event will take place at the Indiana Theater from March 1<sup>st</sup> thru the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our theme this year will be “Art in the Garden” where we will feature artistic items for the garden which may be useful, fanciful or something that is an expression of interest to us.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**COMMITTEE SIGN-UP** Sheets will again be displayed at the February Planning and Scheduling meeting. Sam said that we need to evaluate the committees for the Garden tour and the plant and seed exchange. Participation in these events were sparse last year and so only one person signed up for one of these committees and none for the other.

Nobody will be going to work at the Indiana Home and Garden Show at the Indianapolis Convention Center on Feb 9 – 11 because the only time slots open were for evening sessions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Virginia Laycock has volunteered to represent WVMGA at Rose-Hulman Wellness Fair again this year.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Sam Ligget presented a report for this committee's meeting which took place on January 31, 2018 at the Vigo County Library. Committee members were Mary Beth Prickel, Gene Jarvis, Sam Ligget, Barbara Brugnaux, Beth Keyes and Brenda Christianson. They reported that in their opinion the financial records of our organization for the year 2017 fairly represent our financial position and are sufficiently complete and auditable. They reminded the treasurer to file the appropriate tax forms with the state and federal governments. He noted that we need to have a contact person for the state. At this point there was a general discussion about the duties of the Financial Committee and the Treasurer's duties. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Audit report. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Dana Gadeken talked about the Spring Intern Class and discussed what the role of a mentor should be. She noted that the classes are again meeting at IVT.

She also noted that Minor Certification is due again before working on any project that involves children.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Check [wvmga.org](http://wvmga.org) website for additional announcements.

Next Planning and scheduling meeting – 4-H meeting room at the Vigo County Fairgrounds, 6:30pm on February 20, 2018.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Vigo County Public Library on March 1, 2018 at 6:00pm in room 6.

Meeting adjourned after 1.5 hours volunteer time.

