



GARDEN GAZETTE

JANUARY 2015

Next planning and scheduling meeting is January 20, 6:30pm at the 4-H meeting room at the fairgrounds. Dues of \$15 are due at this time (Fall Interns are exempt for one year) along with your volunteer and educational hours. Dues after February 28 are \$20. Dues may be sent to Pat Youman our treasurer at 2356 E. Glenview Dr., Terre Haute, Indiana 47802.

Education time at the January 20 meeting will be Sheryl Dell, Urban Forester for the City of Terre Haute.

Minutes of December 9 Planning and scheduling meeting.

No educational time earned.

Attendees enjoyed goodies provided by members prior to the meeting.

President Sam Liggett called the meeting to order and asked Greg Fields to offer a prayer. Jim Luzar asked new interns to introduce themselves and their guests and Sam asked members to introduce themselves and indicate what class they had been in. In a surprise move Jim Luzar introduced himself as the Parke County Coordinator and said that Purdue will hire a new young person for Vigo County.

Minutes: were published in the Gazette. Sam asked for changes or corrections. Minutes were approved as written.

Recording Secretary Carole Dreher passed around an attendance sheet.

Vice President: Bob Archer announced that Sheryl Dell, City Forester, will be our January speaker and the featured speaker in February will be a Bonsai gardener.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin asked if the interns had been receiving emails and the Gazette.

Treasurer: Pat Youman reported the balance in our account.

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter noted the procedures for reporting hours and the names of persons who will be getting badges in January, 2015. All members should turn in their volunteer and educational hours each year. There were questions about how often hours should be turned in. Cyd said that regular members need to have at least 12 hours of volunteer time and 6 or more educational hours each year to maintain their certification as Purdue Master Gardeners. She and Pat Woods (Service Coordinator for 2015) need volunteer hours prior to the January meeting.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Greg Fields reported that we planted, harvested and donated 26,362 pounds of produce from the Giving Garden in 2014. He needs to receive a report of volunteer hours from members who participated in this project so he can put together a report of the number of hours volunteered by the members.

Flower Beds: Bill Hiatt, Head Bedkeeper, reported that all of the beds have been put to sleep for the winter. Debbie Lazzell said that we no longer have a bed at the sewage plant. Sam listed all of the gardens we maintain for the benefit of the interns: 1st and Oak, 3rd and Maple, Patriotic and Butterfly gardens in Deming Park, Fairgrounds garden by the Floriculture building, and the labyrinth garden in Hawthorne Park. He said that interns and regular members are invited to sign up to help maintain any of these gardens.

Spring Seminar: Larry Agee reported that this event will take place on March 14th at Ivy Tech. There will be four speakers. We need to keep prices competitive and we also need ads and vendors. This committee will have a meeting in January, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas in the Park: Beth Keyes showed the plan that they had created and worked from to create a display that won the first place prize of \$2000. They reused some materials but bought some new lights. Peggy Harlan invited members to volunteer to help take down the display on Saturday, December 27th, and complimented Beth on her organizational skills. She noted that 19 volunteers had worked on the project at one time or the other. She said that we went over our budget of \$500 and needed approval for an additional \$97.40. Sam called for a motion which was made, seconded and passed by a voice vote. Charlene McKean reported that we took in \$140.50 for train tickets and concessions on December 7th.

Miracle on 7th Street Tree: Carole Dreher reported that we received \$100 and a medallion for participating in this event on December 5th. There were 24 entries. She thanked Nancy Nation and her family for helping to plan and complete this project. She also thanked Sam Ligget, Connie Cooper and her family, Marty Thompson, Peggy Harlan, Pat Youman, Debbie and Chris Lazzell, Ruth Johnson, Sharon Polge and Bob Archer for either providing decorations, helping to decorate, being present with the tree and/or helping to undecorated the tree.

Fall Intern Class: Sam said he appreciated all the interns who attended the meeting and said that several of them have already volunteered on projects.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sam reported some statistics from the Purdue Master Gardener Program Impact report. Noting that our club represented 2% of the membership, but accounted for 43% of the state product.

Nancy Nation requested materials related to the Butterfly Garden for the upcoming Arts Illiana Tablescares.

Jim Luzar congratulated Sam Ligget on his service to the organization as president over the past 2 years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next meetings:

Board meeting Jan. 8, 2015, Vigo Co. Library, Room 6, 6:00pm.

Planning and scheduling meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015, 6:30pm, 4H Bldg., Vigo Co. Fairgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned with 1 hour volunteer time for the 44 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS meeting January 8, 2015, 6:00pm

President, Bob Archer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members in attendance were Bob Archer, Greg Fields, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Larry Agee, Sam Ligget and Phil Small.

Non board members in attendance: none.

Minutes of last Board meeting: Carole Dreher said that minutes from the November 2014 Board meeting had been published in the December Gazette and approved at the December planning and scheduling meeting.

Vice President: Greg Fields mentioned some programs he was considering. President Bob Archer brought to his attention the fact that is entitled to present gift certificates for speakers worth up to \$25. He said sometimes the speakers prefer not to accept them, but many times they very much appreciate them.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin passed around a thank you card from Carol Swearingen whose husband passed away.

Treasurer: Pat Youman was late due to traffic delays experienced on her way from out of town. When she arrived she reported current balance.

COMMITTEES:

GIVING GARDEN: Greg Fields said that a planning meeting for the 2015 Giving Garden is planned for 10:00am to 12:00noon on January 23. He said that we may plant some test plots containing plants we have not grown before. He has been in contact with Stacy at the Extension Office and a dietician who will provide some recipes for produce as it comes into season. He also noted that all materials for the greenhouse have arrived and we are waiting for better weather to install them.

GARDENS: Bill Hiatt, Head Bedkeeper, was not present, but Bob Archer noted that all of the beds had been put to bed for the winter.

WEBSITE: Sam Ligget said that Steve Smith was looking to find some plug-ins. Sam said he is trying to keep the site up to date. Someone noted that we need to change the contact (Registered Agent) name from Pat Secrest to Jane Santucci.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE SIGN UP SHEETS: Sam had sign-up sheets for committees that had been provided at the December meeting. Carole Dreher had a computer generated spreadsheet for committee sign-up to be passed around at the next meeting.

SPRING SEMINAR 2015: Larry Agee reported on this noting that a contract has been signed with IVY Tech. Meals are arranged and will be the same as last year. Speakers are set. Tri-fold brochures featuring sign-up sheets have been printed and will be made available at the next Planning and scheduling meeting. The committee expects to address tri-folds at their next meeting.

Bob noted the fact that Jim Luzar is being reassigned to Parke County. Jim will help train his replacement in Vigo County. Larry Agee says that he serves on the board that will make recommendations for Jim's replacement.

A reminder was issued that volunteer and educational hours for 2014 and dues for 2015 are due.

NEW BUSINESS:

2015 Budget: Bob presented the proposed 2015 budget. Discussion about some of the items ensued. F After Pat Youman arrived she said that she had compared the budgeted figures for 2014 to actual figures and had some questions about the proposed budget. More discussion ensued.

Annual Purdue Master Gardener Volunteer Agreement: Bob presented each of the board Members with a copy of the "Purdue Master Gardener Volunteer Application and Agreement". Each member has completed and signed one of these after successful completion of the Purdue Master Gardener classes. Members are now asked to complete and sign a new one each year. This will be due by the end of February. Someone in the Extension Office will do a background check on each volunteer. It was noted that members are required to be responsible for any injuries they might sustain while doing volunteer work. Some discussion about the document followed.

Bob said that members of the board are invited to attend an Officers Retreat on Tuesday, January 27th at the Rock Run Café in Coxville, Indiana which will begin at 10:00am and feature lunch at 11:45am.

There was some question about the date for the 2015 Matter in Motion event and who would be in charge of it.

Audit Committee: It was noted that the president is responsible for appointing this committee. Last year's committee members were Barbara Brugnaux, Pat Youman, Gene Jarvis and Sam Liggett.

Arts Illiana Tablescapes: This event will take place in Terre Haute at The Landing on February 26 through February 28th. Carole Dreher and Nancy Nation will lead the effort for this event for which they plan to feature the butterfly Garden in Deming Park. Volunteers to help them will be solicited at the January meeting.

Announcements:

Dates for the Vigo County Fair were announced.

There was discussion about Earth Day activities – where they would take place and what would be needed.

Larry Agee announced that the Herb Fair would be moving from Fairbanks Park to the Vigo County Fairgrounds.

2015 Schedule of presentation of certificates and badges was offered.

Next Board meeting will be at the Vigo County Public Library, Room 6, on 2-5-15 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after 1.5 hours of volunteer time.

