



GARDEN GAZETTE JUNE 2015

Planning and scheduling minutes of May 19, 2015, Deming Park Ute Shelter.

No educational time was earned. The meeting was preceded by a carry-in dinner. Some members brought guests to enjoy the meal.

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Archer at 6:30pm. Bob thanked Carol Swearingen and her committee for getting meat for the meal and organizing the meeting/dining area.

MINUTES: Bob said that the minutes have been written and submitted for publication in the Gazette which has not yet been issued to members.

Recording Secretary Carole Dreher passed around an attendance sheet.

Vice President Greg Fields said there will be speaker at the June meeting which will take place after a garden tour and carry-in meal at Bill Hiatt's home. There will be no July meeting because of the fair.

Corresponding Secretary Verna Gaskin checked to see if everyone was receiving e-mails and The Gazette. At least one person who had been receiving the Gazette through the post office said that they are no longer receiving it.

Treasurer Pat Youman reported the balance in our account.

COMMITTEES:

Service Coordinator Pat Woods said that Emma Harlan has earned a bronze badge, Peggy Harlan a silver, Carl Trent a silver and Debbie Lazzell a Gold 2000. Bob noted that Pat's husband has had health problems.

Giving Garden Greg Fields said there was a work day on Wednesday, May 20th. Volunteers have planted 696 tomato plants, 812 green beans and 212 pounds of potatoes. Cabbage will be planted between the rows of potatoes. No corn will be planted in the Giving Garden. It has been planted in another 1/3 acre area. Greg thanked all volunteers who have worked on Giving Garden tasks.

OLD BUSINESS:

Flower Beds: Bill Hiatt Head Bedkeeper reported that all of the beds have now been cleaned out. Patriotic Garden: Money is available to purchase annuals to plant in this garden. Butterfly Garden: The obelisk was damaged over the winter, but has now been repaired. Third and Maple: Bill said he had received reports that this bed looked good. Two persons said that it does look good, but the trees located in the bed now have bagworms which are unsightly and affect the leaves.

Raised bed at ISU Community Gardens: Bob Archer said that he has worked on this project and Annette Benefiel has been helping him.

Bob Said that we have a reminder from Purdue that we should make certain when we order seeds from on-line sources that the seeds are from the U.S. and not from overseas.

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry Agee said that the Herb Society is planning a bus trip to tour the Stream Cliff Herb Farm. He passed around a brochure describing the event which will take place on Saturday, June 6. The trip cost \$40 per person plus \$18.60 for brunch. He said that Master Gardeners were welcome to join them on the tour, but he needed the money after the meeting if possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Fall Intern Class: This will be held September 2nd through November 18th at the fairgrounds from 6 to 9pm. It will cost \$85 per person. Abby Sweet has been promoting this.
- Vigo County Fair will take place from July 12th through 18th.
- Other announcements are available on the Master Gardener Website (www.wvmga.org).

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Board Meeting Thursday, June 4, 2015, Vigo County Public Library, 6:00pm.
- Planning and Scheduling Meeting, Garden Tour/Carry-in followed by carry-in meal and meeting at Bill Hiatt's home, Saturday, June 13th 2015 (Details to be furnished by Verna via e-mail).

The meeting was adjourned with .5 hours of volunteer time for the 38 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

Board of Directors meeting June 4, 2015, Vigo County Public Library, Meeting Room6

Vice President Greg Fields opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Members in attendance: Greg Fields, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Larry Agee, Sam Ligget, Phil Small, Pat Woods and Carl Trent.

Non Board members in attendance: None.

Minutes of last board meeting: Carol Dreher said that they were published in the May Gazette. Greg asked if there were any corrections or additions. There were none so the minutes were approved as published.

Vice President Greg reported that he is still looking for a speaker for August.

Corresponding Secretary Verna said that she had nothing to report.

Treasurer Pat passed around the latest bank statement for inspection. She noted deposits and expenditures and reported the final balance.

COMMITTEES:

Service Coordinator Pat Woods said that she has some questions about how the program used to record hours deals with decisions reporting about when someone is due to get a badge and when they actually have received the badge.

Giving Garden Chair Greg reported that volunteers have planted 696 tomato plants and made some additional cages for them. They have worked cucumbers. Verna and Debbie planted some flowers. They are working to get a used trailer situated to store equipment in. They have a new tiller which was purchased by the Purdue Extension. It is larger than our other tiller. They hope to plant sweet potatoes and more green beans. They have plans to construct raised beds for herbs. Onions, lettuce, cabbage and broccoli have been planted between the potatoes.

Flowerbeds Chair Bill Hiatt was not present but Pat Youman reported on the Butterfly Garden saying that she had heard from Peggy Harlan who said that Cindy was purchasing plants which she hoped to plant this weekend (June 6-7).

Larry Agee was asked if we have decided on new plants for the labyrinth area in Hawthorn Park. We have not.

Someone asked about the First National Bed on south hwy. 41. Verna said that volunteers have been working on it.

Website: Sam Ligget hopes to put some Giving Garden photos on it soon.

Spring Seminar 2016: Greg reported that Jessica Fields had sent a signed contract to IVY Tech for this event which will be held on March 12, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS:

Garden Tour: Greg said that Bill Hiatt reported that he has confirmation for four gardens to be toured on June 13, 2015. Verna will put out an email with a map and other information. After the tour members will participate in a carry-in meal at Bill Hiatt's home. The meal will be followed by a short business meeting. Bill and his wife will provide the meat and members whose last name begins with A-L will be asked to bring a vegetable dish or salad and members whose last name begins with letter M-Z will be asked to bring fruit or a dessert. Verna will add this information to her email with the map.

Fair: One member asked about the expenditures for plants at the Fairgrounds. It was noted that there is a budgeted amount for this purpose.

Raised Bed at ISU Community Gardens: These are ready to be planted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Greg reminded members that there will be no planning and scheduling meeting in July due to Fair activities. There will, however, still be a Board of Directors meeting.

We need someone to coordinate the plant and seed exchange which will take place at the September planning and scheduling meeting.

Greg asked if anyone had information about the \$500 scholarship which Master Gardeners donates to IVY Tech in the fall of the 2015-2016 school year. Pat Youman said she thought that IVY Tech takes care of this and she sends them a check.

Sam Ligget said that President Bob Archer should be reminded that it is time for him to appoint a nominating committee to help select officers for 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Fall Intern Class: This will take place from 9-2-15 through 11-18-15 at the fairgrounds from 6 to 9pm. The cost will be \$85. Someone said they had heard that 4 persons have already signed up.
- Reminder – no July planning and scheduling meeting.
- Volunteers will be planting stuff at the Arboretum in Deming Park at 10:00am on Saturday, June 6, 2015.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Vigo County Public Library on July 2, 2015 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after .75 hours of volunteer time.

HAS THIS HAPPENED TO YOU???

1. You purchase a new plant shortly before it goes on sale!
2. When you are waiting for a bloom to open it falls off the plant!