



JUNE 2016

GARDEN GAZETTE

JUNE 18, 2016 is our **GARDEN TOUR**. You should have already received the tour directions. If not please contact me (Verna Gaskin at vernajean1962@gmail.com or 812-898-2004) The carry in is pot-luck, bring what you want. Meat and drinks furnished along with flatware and plates.

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2016 AT DEMING PARK.

No educational time. Meeting preceded by light meal.
Meeting called to order by President Bob Archer.

Bob then introduced Dana Gadeken, the new Agriculture Educator for Vigo County. Dana described her education and some of her experiences. She said that she was originally from Virginia. She has a Master's Degree from South Dakota State. She spent some time in New Zealand. She worked with dairy cattle.

MINUTES: Bob noted that the minutes had been published in the Gazette. He called for additions or corrections. There were none so the minutes stand as published.

RECORDING SECRETARY Carole passed around an attendance sheet.

VICE PRESIDENT Greg was not present but Bob said that there will be no speaker for the June meeting. Instead we will have a Garden Tour which will end up at Bill Hiatt's place where we will have a carry-in meal followed by a meeting.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY Verna checked to see if everyone was receiving emails and the Gazette. TREASURER Pat listed income and expenses and reported the balance in our account. SERVICE COORDINATOR Jessica was absent.

COMMITTEES:

FLOWER BEDS: Bill Hiatt, Head Bedkeeper, reported that the gardens are in good shape.

1st & Oak – Bob said that he and Larry Agee have installed a fence in this bed to which we will attach memorial plaques.

HERB FAIR: We had a problem with our tomatoes and only had 20 to sell. We did however have a profit of \$754.

GARDEN TOUR: Bill Hiatt reported that this will take place on Saturday, June 18, 2016. We have 3 places to tour: a garden in Rosedale (Treva Cook), Richard Watson's, Betty Butwin's garden and Bill Hiatt's garden. We will have a carry-in meal which we will eat at Bill's place and then have a meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob said that 36 members have completed the minor certification. Members need to complete this before working on projects that include minors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Peggy Harlan will head up the nominating committee. Bob noted that the President needs to do a lot of communicating. Greg Fields will likely assume this role which will leave the Vice President's position open. The office of Treasurer will also be open. Bob and Pat described some of the responsibilities of this office. Pat noted that the Spring Seminar required a lot of work for the treasurer.

2017 MEETING DATES: Bob provided a list of proposed meeting dates for 2017. Unless otherwise noted Board of Directors meetings will take place at the Library and Planning and scheduling meetings will take place in the 4-H Meeting Room at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Purdue State Master Gardener Conference, West Lafayette, In. – June 16-18, 2016.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Board of Directors meeting, June 2, 2016, Vigo Co. Library, 6:00pm.
- Planning and scheduling meeting June 18, 2016, Garden tour followed by carry-in meal at Bill Hiatt's home.

The meeting was adjourned with .5 hours volunteer time for the 24 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JUNE 2, 2016
Vigo CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY, ROOM 6

PRESIDENT Bob called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bob Archer, Greg Fields, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Larry Agee, Sam Ligget, Phil Small, Jessica Field, Carl Trent.

NON BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Hiatt and Dana Gadeken.

MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING: Carole said that they had been published in the Gazette. Bob called for additions or corrections. There were none so the minutes stand as published.

VICE PRESIDENT: Greg said that he has been trying to get in touch with Bill Coppinger as a possible speaker in August. He noted that Mr. Coppinger was a well-received speaker at the Spring Seminar.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna said that she was sorry that she was late getting out information about a workday. Greg said that when the season first started they had a lot of volunteers but now they are down to around 5 or 6.

TREASURER: Pat passed around a bank statement for members perusal. She listed income and expenses and reported the balance in our account.

SERVICE COORDINATOR: Jessica reported that she had placed an order on June 2nd for badges for three members. The next badge order is due to be placed on September 2nd.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Greg reported that we are close to having all planting done. We need to have some watering done. So far we have nothing ready to harvest.

FLOWERBEDS: Bill said that the flower beds look good. He has done some spraying. Three rosebushes had to be replaced in the Patriotic Garden. First and Oak looks good with the memorial fence in place. We will have mums in this bed in the fall.

WEBSITE: Sam said that he has added a photo of Dana Gadeken, or agriculture educator in the Extension office, on the website.

SPRING SEMINAR 2017: Jessica showed a copy of a thank you letter sent to vendors from the Hendricks County Master Gardener Association and said that something similar might be good for us to do. Verna reminded her that we have some stationary with our letterhead on it.

FAIR COMMITTEE: Bill reminded members that the Fair dates are July 10-16. Discussion ensued concerning concrete for stepping stones. Bill said that we would need around 30 pounds. He said that he has aluminum pans for the stepping stones and noted that we still need trinkets for the stepping stones. He said that he thought Ruth Johnson had enough garden flags for painting, but added that vases are still needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

MEMORIAL FENCE: Larry said we still need to identify names and class years for the memorial plaques. The only way we know of the death of a gardener is if we are notified by a family member or other person. Pat and Verna have a partial list. We were reminded that a person would have to have been certified to be eligible to have a plaque on the memorial.

JUNE GARDEN TOUR: Bill said that the garden tour on June 18th will cover around 31 miles. Some of the gardens include Dick Watson's and Betty Butwin's. The tour will conclude at Bill's place where we will tour his

garden, enjoy a carry-in meal and have a meeting. There were some questions about who might participate in the tour. After some discussion, it was determined that the tour would not be open to the public, however a member could bring a guest if they chose to do so and the garden owner could invite guests if they chose to do so. There were some questions about the matter of liability in the case of injury at this point. Discussion followed.

FALL INTERN CLASS: Dana said they will take place on Tuesday mornings, 9am to 12noon beginning on September 6th and ending on November 29th. Some discussion took place about topics to be covered and possible presenters.

NEW BUSINESS:

Greg Fields said that Master Gardeners can pick 4 rows of sweet corn at a site planted as joint venture between IVY Tech and Catholic Charities on ground owned by Westminster Village. The remainder will be harvested and transported to Lafayette where it will be shucked and frozen with ½ coming back to Terre Haute and the other half going to other Catholic Charities sites.

Bob presented a tentative **Board and P & S meeting schedule for 2017**. He said that he had secured the Library meeting space through June of 2017. Dana will reserve meeting space at the 4-H Building meeting room.

2017 NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Peggy Harlan will be heading this committee.

There was some discussion about what hours could be counted as volunteer hours. It was agreed that whatever project was being worked on should benefit the public and be approved by our organization and/or the Extension office.

DANA GADEKEN said that Conservation Days has been set for September 13 – 15. Bob Archer noted that he and Phil Small worked on this event last year with their topic being identification of vegetables. Dana said that Wal-Mart has donated a large box of seeds and would like the Master Gardeners to help get them into the hands of persons who might like to plant them. Verna said that we have provided seeds in the past at the County Fair. We can just put them in a container and invite fair goers to take one or more packages. Phil Small offered to help sort the seeds and Greg said that he will pick them up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

June 16th – 18th – Purdue State Master Gardener Conference, West Lafayette, In.

Check wvmga.org website for additional announcements.

Next Board of Directors will not meet in July but will meet on August 4, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Library.

Meeting adjourned after 1 hour volunteer time.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

“Friends are the flowers in the garden of life. Beginning with a seed of trust, nurtured with laughter and tears, growing into loyalty and love.”