



**GARDEN GAZETTE**

**JANUARY 2017**

Next planning and scheduling meeting is January 17, 2017 at the 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds at 6:30pm. Speaker is John Orick from Purdue.

Minutes of November 15, 2016 Planning and scheduling meeting are as follows:

Educational time. We had no speaker, but Bob Archer announced that we had some fertilizer that members could use. This was followed by a discussion of fertilizer and its uses – when to use, etc. He also announced that Aaron Warner, a local blueberry grower and beekeeper hopes to establish a garden at South Vigo High School consisting of 3 small plots containing flowers and finger eating foods. He needs some volunteers to help with maintenance of the plots during the summer (weeding, watering, etc.). Persons interested in volunteering can contact him at the following address:

Yellow House Honey  
Aaron T. Warner, Beekeeper  
107 E. French Dr.  
Terre Haute, IN 47802  
812-870-9498 [atw@vigoschools.org](mailto:atw@vigoschools.org)

Meeting called to order by President Bob Archer at 6:30pm

Minutes: Published in the Gazette – not available at this time.

Recording Secretary Carole Dreher passed around an attendance sheet.

Vice President: Greg Fields was not present.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin said she had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Pat Youman reported on income and expenses and the balance in our account.

Service Coordinator: Jessica Fields reported that four people were due to receive badges, but the order had not been placed yet. She reminded people that hours are due to be turned in.

## **COMMITTEES**

**Giving Garden:** Greg Fields needs people to turn in the number of hours they volunteered for the Giving Garden. The only vegetables currently harvested have been 1,300 lbs of turnips. To date we have harvested and donated 102,000 lbs of produce (including 771 lbs of sweet corn). The garden was wet this year so we lost some vegetables. He noted that the produce from our garden amounts to 2/3 of the total reported by Purdue Master Gardeners for the state of Indiana.

**Flower Beds:** Bill Hiatt, Head Bedkeeper, reported that all of the gardens have been put to bed for the winter.

**Fairgrounds:** Bob Archer reported that he had spent \$74.00 on replacement lumber for these beds and all but 2 have been replaced.

**Spring Seminar 2017:** Jessica Fields reported that this committee had a meeting early this morning (11/15/16). Speakers have not been confirmed yet. They plan to have one main speaker and some breakout sessions.

**Website:** Sam Ligget reported that he paid our fee to keep our domain name. He asked members to submit event dates for next year's calendar. He will see if we have a sign up sheet on the site for persons wishing to register for the Spring Intern Class.

**Christmas in the Park:** Charlene McKean reported that the weather has not been cooperative. If there is no rain on Saturday, 11/19, volunteers will be needed at our shelter at 10:00am. The wall is up already. On December 10<sup>th</sup>, Master Gardeners are scheduled to sell hot cocoa and tickets for the train rides from 6:00-8:00pm. Tickets for the train are \$1.00 per person.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

We need to find a place for our meeting in April, 2017, due to a dog show scheduled at the fairgrounds on that date.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Spring 2017 Intern Class is scheduled to begin on February 13, 2017. Classes will cost \$85 and will meet from 6:00-9:00pm. Bob distributed flyers advertising the class and asked people to place them around the community. He noted that if interns complete the course

and go on to certify with 35 hours of volunteer time, we may give them a rebate for a portion of their class fees. He also noted that some scholarships are available. Discussion ensued about the suggested rebate. A motion was made to award a rebate of \$35.00 at the time of completion of volunteer hours. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote. Bob presented, for consideration, the proposed budget for 2017. He noted that it is the same budget that we adopted for 2016. He remarked that for the last two years we have spent about \$400.00 more than we take in.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Sam Ligget announced that he had placed some sheets out for committee sign up for 2017.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

- Board meeting January 5, 2017, Vigo Co. Library, 6:00pm.
- Planning and scheduling meeting, December 20, 2016, Christmas party 6:00pm.  
Members are asked to bring snacks to share.

The meeting was adjourned with 2 hours of volunteer time for the 26 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

**PLANNING & SCHEDULING MEETING  
December 20, 2016  
4H Meeting Room, Vigo Co. Fairgrounds**

No educational time.

The meeting preceded by Christmas Party hosted by a committee consisting of Vicki Cochran, Carole Dreher, Barbara Fowler and Nancy Nation. Snacks were provided by members.

Meeting called to order by President Greg Fields.

Minutes for November will be published in the January 2017 Gazette.

Recording Secretary Carole Dreher sent around an attendance sheet prior to the meeting.

Purdue Educator: Dana Gadeken passed out some badges and certificates. She spoke about 2017 Spring Intern Class and said that she will be making an announcement about the class on WTHI-TV and later on the radio.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna said she had nothing to report.

Treasurer Pat Youman reported income and the balance in our account.

Service Coordinator Jessica Fields stated some badges are ready to be distributed for September and December.

## **COMMITTEES**

**Giving Garden:** Greg had nothing to report.

**Flower Beds:** Bill Hiatt had nothing to report.

**Spring Seminar 2017:** Jessica reported that this event will be held at the fairgrounds on 3/18/17. There were problems with the Food Vendor at Ivy Tech indicating that we had to use theirs. The Exhibit Hall and the Floriculture Building will be free and open to the Public. We will make money from vendors. We already have a few vendors. We will need more people to set up. Recommendations for vendors or sponsors will be welcome.

**Christmas in the Park:** Beth Keyes said that volunteers will be needed to help take down our exhibit on 12/31/16 at 10:00am.

**Website:** Sam Ligget said that he needs event dates for the calendar on our website.

The meeting concluded with a couple of games conducted by the host committee. Prize awards were the poinsettia plants which had been purchased from Ivy Tech and used as table centerpieces.

## **NEXT MEETINGS:**

- Board meeting 1/5/17, Vigo Co. Library, 6:00pm.
- Planning and scheduling meeting 1/17/17.

The meeting was adjourned with zero hours of volunteer time for the 33 persons in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Vigo County Library, Room 6, 6:00pm

January 5, 2017

President Greg Fields called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members in attendance were Greg Fields, Charlene McKean, Verna Gaskin, Mary Beth Prickel, Jessica Fields, Larry Agee, Phil Small, Sam Ligget, and Carl Trent.

Non Board member in attendance was Dana Gadeken – Purdue Extension.

Minutes of last Board meeting: No Board meeting in December. November meeting published in November Gazette.

**Vice President:** Charlene McKean stated that our speaker for January Planning and Scheduling session would be John Orick from Purdue.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Verna Gaskin had nothing to report.

**Treasurer:** Mary Beth Prickel stated that we needed to review and update our authorized signers for the THSB bank account. After discussion, a notion was made and seconded to add President Greg Fields and Treasurer Mary Beth Prickel, to remove Pat Youman, and to retain Carl Trent, Sam Ligget and Verna Gaskin. Mary Beth will follow up with THSB. Mary Beth reported on the balance of our account as of 1/5/17. Discussion about our insurance policy followed. It will be reviewed and a copy will be kept on file. Mary Beth also stated that she will be unable to be at our Jan. 17 meeting due to prior commitment. Carl Trent, Assistant Treasurer, will take her place.

**Service Coordinator:** Jessica Fields stated hours are now due and are being turned in but slowly. Next badge order is due March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Some have still not turned in any hours from 2016. Form or volunteer and educational hours can be found on our website [wvmga.org](http://wvmga.org)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Giving Garden:** Greg stated that there will be an organizational committee meeting on Tuesday, January 10 at 12:00 noon at the Floriculture Building at the fairgrounds. Those who want to be on this committee should attend this meeting.

**Website Committee:** Sam Ligget stated the website has been brought up to date.

**Publicity Committee:** Discussion about getting a committee re-established.

**Spring Seminar 2017:** Jessica stated that the next committee meeting is on Tuesday, January 10 at 10:00am at the Floriculture Building at the fairgrounds. Turn out at the committee meetings are poor. She needs more help. The Seminar this year will be held at the fairgrounds and not at Ivy Tech. The date is March 18. Speakers will be in the Floriculture Building and will be free admission. Vendors will be in the Exhibit Hall with admission of \$1 or a canned good. Free parking. Vendor booths start at \$40 per space. There will be space for 80 vendors. Food can be obtained from the 4H JR. Leader Stand, a food vendor from the fairgrounds or you can go on your own to a fast-food restaurant outside the fairgrounds.

There was discussion about committee members wearing matching MG T-Shirts to be visible to answer questions and give directions. The public is encouraged to attend.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Proposed Budget for 2017 to be voted on at Planning and Scheduling meeting on January 17.

Christmas in the Park: Charlene stated we received 6<sup>th</sup> place for our display and that the Park Dept. had trouble getting the train started. It made its first run at 7:45pm and was able to make four full runs. We made \$131.50.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Rose Hulman Wellness Fair March 16, 2017. Virginia Laycock will be contacted about this.

Committee sign-up sheets will be set out at our January meeting.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Spring Intern Class starts on Feb. 13, 2017 (a Monday). After that the class will meet on Tuesdays from 6pm to 9pm. They will meet at IVY Tech in room W 100. Cost is \$85 with scholarships available.

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

Next meeting dates:

January 17, P & S meeting, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds, 4-H Meeting Room, 6:30pm

February 2, Board of Directors, Vigo County Public Library, room 6, 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after 1 hour of volunteer time.

Submitted by Verna Gaskin, Corresponding Secretary for Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

*Are you ready ruuuuummmmmble?!!!*

*I sure hope so, because I know the Master Gardeners are going to do great things this year.*

*Did you make any New Year's resolutions? Be more active, attend the Gardening Conference, be more supportive, make a change in the world. Well if any of those are on your list I KNOW that we have opportunities. All you have to do is utter the words "can I help?" It's a small step*

***but I can guarantee you will make a difference. Just by being a Master Gardener. You will make a change in your activities, the people around you, and here in Terre Haute. So speak up and make 2017 the year that you made a change, an impact.***

***-Dana Gadeken***

***Agricultural and Natural Resource Educator***