



JANUARY GARDEN GAZETTE 2018

Hours for 2017 are now due along with dues of \$15.00. Hours can be done online or can be mailed to Jessica Field at 6598 McDaniel Road, Terre Haute, Indiana, 47802.

Next meeting is January 16, 2018 in the 4-H meeting room at the fairgrounds at 6:30pm. Education speaker for the evening is Emily Bruno.

Wabash Valley Master Gardener Association
Planning and Scheduling Meeting
December 19, 2017
4-H Meeting Room, Vigo County Fairgrounds

Meeting preceded by sharing of snacks. Drinks were furnished by the Christmas Party Committee chaired by Carole Dreher and Nancy Nation who were joined by Mary Helen Hlatko, Era Nichols and Debbie Lazzell.

No Educational time.

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Vice President Charlene McKean.

MINUTES: published in the December 2017 Gazette. No changes or corrections were noted.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Carole passed around an attendance sheet.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna passed out copies of a 2018 calendar of events to members. She asked members to watch out for emails from her as she

shares information about activities that are likely to be of interest to members and/or opportunities to earn volunteer hours.

TREASURER: No treasurer report due to absence of treasurer.

SERVICE COORDINATOR: No report due to absence of Jessica Fields. Members were reminded that volunteer hours reports are due.

COMMITTEES:

SPRING SEMINAR: Phil Small, Chair of this committee, said that this committee will soon have a meeting and issues an invitation to members to join this committee because they will need lots of help.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK: Bob Archer announced that Master Gardener's display had won first place and a \$2,000 prize that goes with that honor. Master Gardeners sold train ride tickets and hot chocolate on two nights and had an income of around \$200 for each night. He thanked Shannon Giles for letting the committee store their project in her garage while they worked on it. He said a lot of people worked on the project. Ruth Bohner had the idea for the theme, "Master Gardeners Teaching the Next Generation". Tear down will take place on 12/29/17 in the park at 10:00am. Everything must be removed by then. Bob noted that a lot of our younger members worked on the project which was helpful. Sam Ligget said that he had placed photos of the display on our website.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ruth Bohner proposed a possible project to help teach elementary students about growing plants. She showed a kit for growing Amaryllis plants and a vase for growing bulbs (hers is a hyacinth). She suggested that we consider giving one of these to a classroom to help them learn about growing plants and what they need.

COMMITTEE SIGN-UP SHEETS: Sam Ligget said that he had placed sheets on a table for members to sign up for committees they would like to serve on during 2018.

CHRISTMAS GAMES: The Christmas Party committee conducted two games and gave some of the tinsel trees used as gable décor as prizes. Carole Dreher presented one of the live poinsettias used as centerpieces to Charlene McKean, outgoing Vice-President, in appreciation for her service to the organization.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Check our website, www.wvmga.org , for announcements.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Board Meeting January 4, 2018, Vigo Co. Library, 6:00pm, room 6.
- Planning and scheduling meeting, January 16, 2018, 4-H Meeting Room, Vigo Co. Fairgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned with .5 hours of volunteer time for the 31 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY4, 2018, 6:00pm
VIGO CO. LIBRARY, ROOM 6

PRESIDENT, Phil Small called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. He welcomed two new officers, Vice-President Ruth Bohner and Treasurer Brenda Christianson and welcomed Bob Archer back as a Director. Phil said since he is new to the office of President that he felt a need to explain what he thinks his role is. First he thinks that it is not his job to make all of the decisions and that Board members should

expect to share in decision making. Agendas will most likely be the same as in the past. Officers should plan to bring up new business items when they make their reports to the board.

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

NON BOARD MEMBER IN ATTENDANCE: Dana Gaden, Purdue Educator.

MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING: Carole Dreher said that minutes for the November Planning and Scheduling meeting had been published in the December 2017 Gazette. There was no Board of Directors meeting in December.

VICE PRESIDENT: Ruth Bohner said she has a speaker for the January meeting – Emily Bruno. Emily will need a computer to go with her presentation. Ruth asked about how we handle any compensation for our speakers. Phil said that we usually give them gift cards/certificates and he gave her one for Red Lobster. He said that she can get one or more at any location she deems appropriate and submit a receipt and request for reimbursement to the Treasurer.

Ruth also presented an idea to help teachers teach their students how plants grow. She brought two possible projects with her. One project was a kit for an amaryllis plant and the other was a glass vase which could hold a bulb (hers had a hyacinth bulb). The nice thing about the vase is that the students would be able to see the roots develop, but the only thing they would have to do with the kit is start watering it. She discussed potential cost and noted that we have to get permission from the VCSB to offer the project and noted that some teachers might already have projects of their own. Ruth will do further work on her project.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna said that he had been contacted by a couple of members who said that they have had problems getting enough volunteer hours and asked if they could be made honorary members. A discussion ensued

about honorary members and inactive members. Members of the Board asked who should be on these lists and why.

Verna said that the date for Earth Day at the Woods has been set for 4/28/18.

TREASURER: Brenda Christenson distributed some final 2017 reports which were prepared by outgoing Treasurer Mary Beth Prickel.

SERVICE COORDINATOR – Jessica Fields was absent. There was discussion about the reporting of volunteer hours – who checks the on-line hours reported and who enters hours for members who submit written reports instead of entering them on-line. Dana Gadeken said that she had hoped that Jessica would help with these tasks and had secured additional clearance for her on the website.

COMMITTEES:

GIVING GARDEN – Bob Archer and Phil Small reported that IVY Tech is planning to do more outside planting this year, but we may still have use of the greenhouse to start plants for our purposes. We will, however, have to get our own potting materials. Phil said that he, Bob Archer and perhaps Gene Jarvis hope to meet with John Rosene at IVY Tech to discuss use of the greenhouse.

WEBSITE – Sam Ligget reported that he had made a slide show of our prize winning Christmas in the Park display for the website. He plans to put up information about the Spring Seminar soon.

PUBLICITY: Phil said that it was determined that Verna is responsible for this committee and wondered if she needed to add members. Carole Dreher noted that at one time we had two members volunteer to handle publicity. One was Jessica Fields and the other was an intern who is no longer active. It was generally agreed that publicity is important for several of our activities, especially our upcoming Spring Seminar.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Sam Ligget said he will have to wait to finalize the committee until after the January 16th meeting when the committee sign-up sheets will be offered to members. He expects the committee to include Carl Trent, Mary Beth Prickel, Brenda Christianson, himself and two other members. He hopes to conduct the Audit in late January or early February.

SPRING SEMINAR 2018 – Phil Small said that two speakers have signed up. John Rosene would like to do a presentation on weeds. They will still need 2-3 more speakers. A committee meeting is planned for Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 10:00am at the United Methodist Temple in Terre Haute.

OLD BUSINESS:

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK WRAP UP – Ruth Bohner and bob Archer reported that the committee had expenses of \$200. They were thankful for the members who volunteered to help on this project. Bob said that all items were removed from the exhibit except for some stakes which were frozen in the ground.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROPOSED SPENDING BUDGET – 2018 – Brenda presented a proposed budget for 2018 expense items. There were discussions about various line items.

There was discussion about the physical address versus the P.O. Box address and when should each be used. Phil asked about business cards and said that he has sometimes been asked for one by people he has spoken with. Carole Dreher and Dana Gadenken volunteered to design one.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES – Dana Gadenken said that Rethink needs to have some Master Gardeners help plan and check on three gardens. Basically just have access and help oversee them. Dana requested permission to take the project to the membership. She was given permission to do so, but was told that a representative of the group had previously asked for our group to help but denied because at that time it sold their produce and we were not allowed to help.

SPRING 2018 INTERN CLASS – Dana Gaden reported that 7 people have submitted paperwork. She will be going on WTHI to talk about the class.

COMMITTEE SIGN UPS – at this point there was discussion about whether Brenda needs a Finance committee. Some said the sign-up sheets will be offered at the January Planning and scheduling meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Bi-State Garden Seminar, Beef House Restaurant – January 25, 6:00pm
- Winter Day in the Garden, Lincoln Trail College, January 27, 7:30am – 3:15pm
- Indiana Home and Garden Show, Indianapolis Convention Center, February 9 – 11
- Check wvmga.org website for additional announcements

Next Planning and scheduling meeting – 4-H meeting room at the Vigo County Fairgrounds, 6:30pm, January 16.

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

Meeting adjourned after 1.75 hours of volunteer time.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

Here is a poem by Robert Frost. Hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

THE OBJECTION TO BEING STEPPED ON

At the end of the row
I stepped on the toe
Of an unemployed hoe.
It rose in offense
And struck me a blow
In the seat of my sense.
It wasn't to blame
But I called it a name.
And I must say it dealt
Me a blow that I felt
Like malice prepense.
You may call me a fool,
But was there a rule
The weapon should be
Turned into a tool?
And what do we see?
The first tool I step on
Turned into a weapon.

And how many times has this happened to you? It has happened to me a few times.

First off, round of applause for all of you who were involved in Christmas in the Park. It was fabulous! This group worked tirelessly to pass out coco, troubleshoot strings of christmas lights, and to bring smiles and awe to everyone who passed by. Thank you for your hard work, fundraising, and the well-deserved recognition!

I have been working hard to advertise the upcoming Master Gardener Intern Class. This year's class will meet Thursdays from 6-9pm at Ivy Tech Feb 8th- May3rd. Please continue to spread the word about the class. The next master Gardener meeting will include signing of the Annual Volunteer agreement (don't worry, I'll bring forms and pens ☺). If I don't receive a form I can mail them to you OR you can simply digitally sign on MG Manager.

Dana Gadenken

Master Gardener Coordinator, Agricultural and Natural Resource Educator Purdue Extension