



NOVEMBER 2017 GARDEN GAZETTE

Next Planning and scheduling meeting is November 21, 2017, 6:30pm in the 4-H meeting room at the Fairgrounds. Education time is Dana Gadeken speaking on “What Counts”.

**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2017, 6:30pm
4-H Meeting Room, Vigo County Fairgrounds**

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

Educational time: Charlene introduced our speaker, Tabby Carroll, whose topic was Ants. Tabby is an Entomologist at Purdue. She did her Masters’ Thesis on “Ants of Indiana”. She showed slides naming and describing some of the ants that one might find in Indiana. Ant colonies are organized with queens, workers, larvae and winged reproductive. Educational time earned was .5 hours (30 minutes).

Minutes: Published in the October 2017 Gazette.

Recording Secretary Carole Dreher passed around an attendance sheet.

Vice President: Charlene did not name a speaker for November.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna checked to see if everyone was receiving emails and the Gazette. She said that she would make a copy of Tabby's ant sheet and forward it upon request from members via mail.

Treasurer: Mary Beth reported the balance in our account.

Service Coordinator: Jessica was not present but Phil Small noted that Yvonne Russell would be receiving her Silver Badge and Verna will be receiving the Gold 3000 Badge.

COMMITTEES:

Giving garden: Greg was not present. Gene Jarvis requested that members bring bagged leaves to the garden to spread on various areas. Bags should NOT contain Walnut leaves.

Flower Beds: Larry Agee, Head Bedkeeper, reported that all of the beds have been put to rest.

Learning Days at the Library: Debbie Lazzell reported that volunteers helped several children make posies. She noted that Sharon Polge had headed up this project.

Website: Sam Ligget said that he had nothing to report.

Christmas in the Park: Ruth Bohner said that this committee has had multiple work days and feels that they are progressing well. Bob Archer said he would need some volunteers to help put up walls on the weekend before Thanksgiving. Master Gardeners will serve refreshments on Sunday, December 10th from 6-8pm. Verna will send out an email requesting volunteers prior to the date assigned to us. It was noted that 3 or 4 of the exhibits will be provided by commercial businesses.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee: Vicki Cochran named the nominees for each office. She and her committee passed out ballots and collected them after members cast their votes. Officers for 2018 are as follows: President – Phil Small, Vice-President – Ruth Bohner, Recording Secretary – Carole Dreher, Corresponding Secretary – Verna Gaskin, Treasurer – Brenda Christianson, Service Coordinator – Jessica Fields, Board of Directors (3) – two past officers – Sam Ligget and Larry Agee and one at-large member – Bob Archer.

Sam Ligget will see ab out taking Donuts to personnel at the City and County Parks, at the Fairgrounds and the Extension Office. This is a project we do each year as a gesture of appreciation for the help they provide for us during the year.

Announcements:

Mary Beth Prickel read a thank you letter sent to us from St. Benedict's Soup Kitchen expressing their appreciation for our donation of fresh vegetables.

Ruth Bohner described a request for help with an after school project at one of the local elementary schools.

Next Meeting:

- Board Meeting November 2, 2017, Vigo Co. Library, 6:00pm.
- Planning and scheduling meeting, November 21, 2017, 4-H meeting room, Vigo County Fairgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned with .5 hours of volunteer time for the 28 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 2, 2017
Vigo Co, Public Library, Room 6**

Vice President Charlene McKean called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Members in attendance: Charlene McKean, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Mary Beth Prickel, Larry Agee, Sam Ligget, Phil Small and Carl Trent. President Greg Fields joined the meeting later but did not preside.

Non Board Members in attendance: Dana Gadenken, Purdue Educator.

Minutes of last board Meeting: published in the October Gazette.

Vice President: Charlene said that Dana Gadeken will be the speaker at the November meeting and will discuss what activities count for volunteer hours.

Corresponding secretary: Verna said she had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Mary Beth reported the balance in our account and discussed some items. She said she is updating the membership list with a few addresses and phone numbers. She noted that she has created a Google email account for the Treasurer (WVMGAA@gmail.com) to be used to contact the current treasurer without having to use someone's personal email account. Mary Beth said she plans to meet with the new Treasurer, Brenda Christianson.

Mary Beth stated that new signature cards needed to be signed and that Terre Haute Savings bank needed papers showing who was being removed from cards and who was being added as of January 3, 2018. We will be adding President Philip A. Small and Treasurer Brenda Christianson. We will be removing Greg Fields as outgoing President and Mary Beth Prickel as outgoing Treasurer and retaining Carl Trent, Sam Ligget and Verna Gaskin. Balance in our account was given as of November 1.

On January 3, 2018 names will also have to be changed on our insurance policy. It should be reviewed and a copy will be kept on file.

Service Coordinator Jessica Fields was not present.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden – Phil Small said that the garden was done except for a few remaining turnips. Phil said he didn't know the exact amount of produce that had been harvested and donated but it was over 14,000 pounds.

Flowerbeds – Larry Agee said that he is working with Verna to see about seeds for next year.

Website – Sam Ligget said that he had paid for the domain renewal and said that the price had increased from 414.98 for 2017 to \$18.99 for 2018.

Spring Seminar 2018: Dana Gadeken said she knows a person from Purdue, Lindsey Purcell, that she would like to ask to talk about Forestry at the Gardeners Gathering next spring.

Christmas in the Park: Phil said that Bob Archer had reported to him that this committee was having a work meeting tonight 11-2-17. Sam Ligget said another meeting is set for Monday 11-7-17.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sam Ligget reported that he and Brenda Christianson delivered donuts today to the Fairgrounds, the Extension Office, Dobbs Park personnel, Deming Park personnel, City Parks employees and County Parks employees.

NEW BUSINESS:

President-elect Phil small said that he will check on scheduling a meeting room at the Vigo County Library for Board of Directors meetings.

Dana Gadeken will arrange meeting space at the 4-H building for Planning and scheduling meetings.

Phil said he would like to have someone create a master calendar for meetings, special events, etc. Verna volunteered to work on this, but Dana suggested this might be a volunteer opportunity for a new member. There was also discussion about committees, their duties and how to get people to volunteer to work on them. Verna had a list like this 2-3 years ago. She will update it prior to the January meeting.

Dana said that she would like to do a leadership training course for board members. It would consist of four 2 hour sessions. There was discussion about this.

There was discussion about when to begin work on a budget for 2018 to be presented to the January Board meeting and the January Planning and Scheduling meeting. Mary Beth will work on a first draft.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dana is planning on intern class for Spring 2018. She has at least 3 people interested. The class will meet on Thursdays from 6-9pm from February 8th – May 3r 2018 at Ivy Tech.

Mary Beth said that she has some items that can be used for prizes, perhaps at the Christmas meeting.

Check wvmga.org website for additional announcements.

Next Planning and scheduling meeting – 4-H meeting room at the Vigo County Fairgrounds, 6:30pm on 11-21-17.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Vigo County Public Library on 01-02-18 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after 1.25 hours of volunteer time.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

It seems like things are winding down. Thank goodness! Master Gardeners have been everywhere! Whether it is working diligently in the parks and gardens around town, make and takes, being a familiar face at events in Terra Haute, or feeding the hungry through the giving garden. This group really is everywhere, and it's inspiring.

-Dana Gadeken, Master Gardener Coordinator