



NOVEMBER GARDEN GAZETTE 2014

Next planning and scheduling meeting is November 18, 2014, 6:30pm in the 4-H meeting room at the Fairgrounds.

Education time will be on Aquaponics presented by Matt Pollom.

Minutes of October 21, 2014, Planning and scheduling meeting.

Vice President Bob Archer introduced the speaker, Amber Slaughterback of the Vigo County Parks Department. She is the Natural Resources Programmer and responsible for Special Events and Nature programs. Members were invited to sign up for email notification of events. The Vigo County Parks include 2,600 acres, 65 acres of which are water. She listed the acreage for each of the parks that the County Parks Department manages: Fowler Park - 462 acres, Prairie Creek Park – 282 acres, Hawthorne Park – 256 acres and Markel Mill Park – 8 acres. She noted that the DNR manages the Wabashiki Nature Park but the County Parks Department takes care of the parking there. She also spoke about her project to help turtles cross the highway without getting run over near Wabashiki.

Educational time earned was 1.0 hour.

President Sam Liggett called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Minutes: Sam said that the minutes had been published in the Gazette and asked for corrections or additions. There were none and the minutes were approved as printed.

Recording Secretary: Carole passed around an attendance sheet.

Vice President: Bob said that the November educational topic will be hydroponics. There will be no educational program in December due to the carry-in meal scheduled prior to the meeting.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin checked to see if everyone was receiving emails and the Gazette.

Treasurer: Pat Youman reported the balance in our account.

Service Coordinator: Cyd announced the persons receiving awards this quarter and asked them to remain after the meeting for photos. Persons receiving awards were: Patty Cottom – Certified, Jessica Fields – Certified, Era Nichols – Certified, Jean Diemer – Certified, Brenda Kirchner – Bronze, Greg Fields – Gold, Bob Archer – Gold and Verna Gaskin – Gold 3000.

Giving garden: Greg reported that activity is winding down there. They are still picking some bell peppers. Volunteers have harvested and donated 25,482 pounds to date. Greg said that volunteers have been great. He has spoken to some groups who have donated funds for the garden. When asked about the greenhouse, he said the status has not changed.

Flower Beds: Bill Hiatt, Head Bedkeeper, said that the beds are still in good shape. Recent rains have helped.

Bob Archer reported on recent work at Hawthorne Park.

Debbie Lazzell reported on Learning Days at the Library. There were four volunteers to help her serve around 150 children. The project was seeds in a cup.

Spring Seminar: Larry Agee was not present, but he sent a report stating that some speakers had been scheduled and that they are now negotiating for the last speaker.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas in the Park: Peggy reported that there will be a workday at Beth Keyes house in Shirkieville on Friday, Oct. 24th from 5 to 8. They have to paint stuff and make flags. There is still a lot of work to do. They will decorate on November 22nd. Volunteers will be needed on December 7th to work in the concession stand in Deming.

Fall Intern Class: Carol Swearingen was not present, but Patty Weaver reported that things were progressing well.

Nominating Committee: Members of this committee passed out ballots for members to vote for their choice of members to serve as officers during 2015. Thirty-three ballots were cast. Peggy Harlan announced the results. The new officers will be: Bob Archer – President, Greg Fields – Vice President, Carole Dreher – Recording Secretary, Verna Gaskin – Corresponding Secretary, Pat Youman – Treasurer, Pat Woods – Service Coordinator, Larry Agee and Sam Liggit – Board of Directors (Past Officers) and Phil Small – Board of Directors (At large). Newly elected

officers are invited to attend the November Board Meeting which will be held in the Vigo County Public Library.

New Business:

Sam said there will be no Spring Intern Class in 2015 because Jim Luzar is scheduled to teach 3 classes at IVY Tech.

Larry Agee and Sam Liggitt took donuts to the Extension Office, City Parks personnel, County Parks personnel and Vigo County Fairgrounds personnel.

Announcements:

Members are asked to wear name tags to meetings.

There was a question about fundraising followed by discussion. It was noted that as a non-profit organization the standard is that we can keep one year's operating expense and we should not compete against local farmers or merchants.

Next meeting:

Board meeting, Nov. 6, 2014, Vigo County Library, 6:00pm.

Planning and scheduling meeting, Tuesday November 18, 2014, 6:30pm, 4-H Building, Vigo County Fairgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned with 1.25 hours volunteer time for the 34 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary.

Board of Directors meeting minutes of Nov. 6, 2014.

President Sam Liggitt called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members in attendance: Sam Liggitt, Bob Archer, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Larry Agee and Paula Wilson.

Non Board members in attendance: Brenda Kirchner and Pat Woods.

Minutes of last Board meeting: Carole Dreher reported that they had been published in the October Gazette. Minutes were approved as written.

Vice President: Bob announced that Matt Pollom would speak at the November Planning and scheduling meeting on the topic of Aquaponics. The December meeting will feature a carry-in dinner and will not include an educational topic. January's guest speaker will be the City Arborist.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna said she had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Pat passed around the bank statement and reported the balance.

Service Coordinator: Cyd was not present but Sam noted that hours for fourth quarter badges (to be presented in January) are due by 12/05/14.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Greg was not present but Sam said that we are within 80 pounds of reaching 26,000 pounds of produce harvested and donated. Right now they are mostly harvesting turnips. Have not been able to do the rototilling yet due to the weather.

Garden Beds: Head Bedkeeper Bill was not present but Brenda reported that the Patriotic Garden had been put to bed for the winter. Larry Agee said that the plants at Hawthorne Park look good.

Spring Seminar 2015: Larry said he still need an email agreement from one of the speakers to verify that they would be there otherwise the speakers are all set. He said that a meeting to work on plans for this event would take place at 7:00pm following this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas in the Park: The title for our exhibit will be "Christmas: A season of Sparkle". The committee is working on a lady who will twirl around. Beth Keyes sent a report saying that they will need volunteers to help set up on November 22nd and November 23rd. There was discussion about work on the exhibit.

Fall Intern Class of 2014: Members of this class should be finished in November. They will be invited to attend our December meeting to celebrate completion of their training.

Website Committee: Sam reported that this committee had recently met. Steve Smith, a Spring 2014 intern, has some computer experience and has joined the committee. Steve said that the software (WordPress) that they are using has good reput. He is getting a plug-in to help.

Sam said that he and Larry Agee took care of the task of delivering thank you donuts to the Parks and Fairgrounds personnel.

Committee Sign-up 2015: Committee description sheets will be displayed at the December meeting to help people decide what committees they might wish to volunteer for.

Someone asked if anyone knew the outcome of an insurance claim filed last year. No one knew. A general discussion of insurance policies ensued.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sam said we would be needing volunteers to staff the concession stand at Deming Park on December 7 from 6 to 8 or perhaps as late as 9 depending on the weather and the attendance.

Sam announced that there would be no Spring 2015 Intern class due to the fact that Jim Luzar is scheduled to teach 3 classes at IVY Tech during the Spring Semester.

Sam noted that the 2015 meeting dates had been set and had been provided to the Board of Directors on the back of the agenda. There was brief discussion about them and Verna said that she would have them published in the Gazette.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Purdue Master Gardener Study Abroad, Northern England and Wales, July 6-18, 2015.

Indiana Flower and Patio Show, Indiana State Fairgrounds, March 14-22, 2015.

Indiana Home and Garden Show, February 13-15, Indiana Convention Center.

Bob Archer presented a flyer describing a 2014 Miracle Christmas Tree decorating contest for non-profit groups in the Wabash Valley. There will be one grand prize winner of \$500 and all participating groups will get \$100. Carole Dreher was asked to check with Nancy Nation and see if the two of them would be willing to consider taking on this project.

Sam announced that the next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Vigo County Public Library on 1-8-2015 at 6:00pm in Room E.

The meeting was adjourned after .75 hours of volunteer time.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

