



Next planning and scheduling session is November 15, 2016, 6:30pm at the 4-H Building at the Vigo County Fairgrounds.

Minutes of October 18, 2016 Planning and Scheduling Session.

Educational time was 0.5 (1/2hr.) We did not have a speaker, but Bob Archer said that we had some fertilizer if anyone needed some for personal use, but it must not be sold. He then led a discussion of fertilizer, lawns and other plants. There was also discussion of grass seed, grass seed blends and places to get them.

Meeting called to order by President Bob Archer at 6:50pm.

Minutes: were published in the Gazette. Bob called for additions and/or corrections. There were none so the minutes were approved as published.

Recording Secretary Carole Dreher passed around an attendance sheet.

Vice President Greg Fields was not present.

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

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

Service Coordinator Jessica Fields was not present, but Bob reminded members that badge orders are due by December 2nd. Four members have recently qualified for badges: Brenda Christianson (Certified), Debbie Cole (certified), Ruth Johnson (Silver) and Era Nichols (certified advanced).

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Greg Fields – not present.

Flower beds: Bill Hiatt, Head Bedkeeper, reported that he had picked up mums for the gardens. Carol Swearingen reported that she had received compliments on some of the gardens we maintain.

Spring Seminar 2017: Jessica Fields sent a note saying that we have received the okay from Ivy Tech for use of classrooms. She said that the next committee meeting is scheduled for 9:30am on October 1, 2016. Vicki Cochran said that we still need vendors.

Website: Sam Ligget said that it is time to pay the yearly fee to keep the domain name for the website. He is having problems with “phishing” in the email.

Christmas in the Park: Charlene McKean said there will be a workshop meeting of this committee on October 19th at 3:00pm at a barn owned by Era Nichols’ son. On November 12th volunteers will meet at the trailer to put up walls.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of officers for 2017 – Vicki Cochran passed out ballots and people voted on officers for next year. Results: President – Greg Fields, Vice-President – Charlene McKean, Recording Secretary – Carole Dreher, Corresponding Secretary – Verna Gaskin, Treasurer – Mary Beth Prickel, Service Coordinator – Jessica Fields and three Board of Directors – Larry Agee (past officer, Sam Ligget (past officer) and Phil Small (at-large member). There were no write-in votes and no absentee votes.

Sam Ligget will be distributing donuts to Parks people and the Extension Office.

Bob said he would like to replace the 20 timbers in front of the 4-H Meeting building. It will cost approximately \$100 to do this. The Extension Office has agreed to pay ½ of the cost up to \$100. A motion was made and seconded to approve this expenditure. Motion carried by a voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A second 4-H position has been filled at the Extension Office.

See www.wvmga.org for additional announcements.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- **Board Meeting November 3, 2016, Vigo Co. Library, 6:00pm.**

- **Planning and Scheduling Meeting, November 15, 2016, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting room, Vigo Co. Fairgrounds**

The meeting was adjourned with .75 of volunteer time for the 35 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 3, 2016, 6:00pm
Vigo County Public Library, room 6**

President Bob Archer 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 Fields.

Non Board Members in attendance: Dana Gadeken (Purdue Educator).

Minutes of last Board meeting: Carole said they were published in the October Gazette. Bob called for additions or corrections. None were offered so the minutes stand as published. Vice President Greg reported that it is getting hard to find people to speak that we have not already heard from. Bob offered one possibility and said he would give Greg contact information. One suggestion was made that perhaps we could have people who have already spoken return.

Corresponding Secretary Verna said she had nothing to report.

Purdue Educator: Bob asked Dana Gadeken if she had anything she wished to report. She said she went to a conference at Purdue and asked John Oreck about speaking at one of our meetings. Dana had been asked to see about reserving the 4-H Meeting room for our meetings in 2017. The building will not be available in March or April. At this point some other suggestions were made for those months: Collett Park, Torner Building at Deming Park or perhaps Dobbs Park. Bob said that Board of Directors meetings were set for the Library through May 2017. He can reserve a meeting place there through November 2017 and will do so. She asked if we want to try to have a spring class and if so, when? It was suggested that we would like to try to form a class and it should be February through May. There was discussion about the cost of the class and whether we should offer scholarship(s). It was undetermined about whether or not the cost of the class is a deterring factor for persons considering the class. Dana asked where and how the class should be promoted. Members suggested the local newspaper, television, signs, our website and Facebook.

Treasurer: Pat passed around the latest bank statement for members to examine. She listed expenses and income and reported the balance in our account.

Service Coordinator: Jessica reported that the badge order was not placed. Four badges were to be ordered for people moving up.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Greg showed a photo of the new compost bin built at the garden by his Ivy Tech Ag Structures class which he teaches. He would like to disc up the garden and we can burn leaves.

Flowerbeds: Bill Hiatt was not present and no one had anything else to report.

Website: Sam said that he paid the fee for us to keep our domain name.

Spring Seminar 2017: Jessica said this committee has a meeting planned for Tuesday, November 15. Usually just the same 4 people show up despite moving the meeting times around. They are still talking about food. They were to advertise that this seminar is a community affair not just for Master Gardeners.

Christmas in the Park: Charlene McKean reported that this committee had a work day. They plan to meet on November 12 to set up the wall. Bob said that he will haul the materials, but will need to have help to load and unload them. Verna volunteered to send out an email asking for help. Our organization is scheduled to sell train tickets on December 10th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bed keeper reports:

- Fairgrounds landscaping wood in front of the 4-H Building needs to be replaced. Bob said that he will do this. He said that Debbie Lazzell had worked on the beds around the Floriculture Building.

Donuts for Fairground, Hawthorn Park, TH City Parks and Extension Office People: Sam said that this had been taken care of. Hawthorn Park was not included since we did not do anything there this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget for 2017: Copies of a proposed budget were presented, examined and discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bob presented a copy of a thank you note from "The House of Hope" for donations of stuff.

Check wvmga.org website for additional announcements.

There will be no Board of Directors meeting in December.

The November Planning and Scheduling meeting will be on November 15, in the 4-H Meeting room at 6:30pm and the December meeting will be on December 20 in the 4-H meeting room at 6:00pm with a carry-in of your favorite holiday snacks.

Meeting adjourned after 1 hour volunteer time.

No matter how often I look at thermometer, it just keeps on dropping. That's the changing of the seasons for you. Thanksgiving will come and go and next thing you know we will all be absently humming Christmas carols. Before we hurdle on to next year, let us just pause. Think back to planting in Spring, watching your flowers and vegetables come in, battling insects, and then harvesting the fruits of your labor. You made a difference.

Whether its in your garden at home, prompting you to linger at your window and maybe stand outside just a little bit longer

Throughout the community, tending beds on street corners, prompting a smile from passers by

Or in the Giving Garden, toiling to feed those who ask for a helping hand.

You made a difference. Take time to acknowledge your success and accept the thank you's. You now have my permission to move on to the next exciting project. Volunteer on a committee, help plan a Master Gardener event, or simply come to a meeting and chit chat with friends. We'll see you soon.

Dana Gadeken

Agricultural and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension

Master Gardener Coordinator