



WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER
GARDEN GAZETTE OCTOBER 2014

Next planning & scheduling meeting is October 21, 6:30pm at the 4-H Meeting Room at the Fairgrounds.

Education time will be Amber Slaughterbeck speaking about Wabashiki.

At this meeting we will be voting on the following officers. If you need an absentee ballot you need to contact Carole Dreher (Recording Secretary) as soon as possible as the ballot needs to be returned no later than seven (7) days prior to the election. Write-ins are allowed on the ballot.

President – Bob Archer

Vice President - Greg Fields

Recording Secretary – Carole Dreher

Corresponding Secretary – Verna Gaskin

Treasurer – Pat Youman

Service Coordinator – Pat Woods

Board of Directors (past officers – vote for two) Larry Agee, Sam Ligget
(at large – vote for one) Phil Small

Planning and scheduling meeting September 16.

No education time was earned.

The meeting was preceded by a carry-in meal and a plant and seed exchange.

Sam Ligget called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Sam noted that the minutes had been published in the Gazette and asked if there were any additions or corrections. There were none and the minutes were accepted as written by a voice vote.

Recording Secretary Carole Dreher passed around an attendance sheet.

VICE PRESIDENT: Bob Archer said that our November program will be on the art of Bonsai.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna checked to see if everyone was receiving the emails and the Gazette.

TREASURER: Pat Youman reported the activity and balance for our account during the past month.

SERVICE COORDINATOR: Cyd said that she has ordered badges to be presented in October.

COMMITTEES:

GIVING GARDEN: Greg Fields reported that we are winding down activity for the season. We still have cabbage and broccoli. So far we have harvested and distributed 23,748.5 pounds of produce. The tomatoes are done producing and are being pulled up. We are planning on planting a cover crop. Volunteers are now picking on Monday and Friday.

FLOWER BEDS: Bill Hiatt Head Bedkeeper; Patriotic Garden – Bill reported that the flowers are growing well and, unfortunately, so are the weeds. He said that he has received compliments on the gardens.

Hawthorne Park: Larry Agee said that there will be a workday on September 17th to plant the replacement roses. After they are planted we will need volunteers to water them 2 to 3 times per week.

SPRING SEMINAR: Larry Agee said that the date for this event is March 14, 2015 and there will be a meeting at Java Haute next Tuesday, September 23 at 5:30pm to work on plans. He did note that we have secured two speakers so far.'

OLD BUSINESS:

LEARNING DAYS at the Library will take place at the Library. Debbie Lazzell reported that she has not yet heard from Sharon Polge who is preparing for this event.

WEB SITE: Sam reported that Pat Cottom, Yvonne Russell and Barbara Brugnaux have agreed to serve on this committee. He informed us that the site had been down recently and some information had been lost.

SCIENCE DAYS – CONSERVATION/LEARNING : Phil Small and Bob Archer reported that this was a successful event. They had good helpers and entertained 46 classes with an average of 25 students per class.

FALL INTERN CLASS: Carol Swearingen said that 10 students had started the class. Volunteers are needed to help facilitate the class.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Phil Small reported that a slate of candidates has been set. He noted that the Recording Secretary, Carol Dreher, has printed copies of the ballot which can be

provided to persons who will be unable to attend the October meeting who wish to vote by absentee ballot.

CHILI COOKOFF: Sam reported that we have funded this project on a yearly basis. A motion was made and seconded that we pay the \$50.00 entry fee and up to \$200.00 for this year's participation. Motion was approved by a voice vote. Debbie Lazzell thanked everyone who worked on this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas in the Park: Peggy Harlan announced that the theme for this year's exhibit will be "A Season of Sparkle". She said that a work meeting is planned from 1:00 to 4:00pm on September 21, 2014 in the Women's Building. She called for donation of any penguins, white deer or snowflakes that anyone might have to spare.

Sam noted that some copies of updated versions of the Purdue Master Gardeners Policy Manual have been received. Some changes include guidelines for lapses in volunteer activity and transfers.

The new guidelines say that any persons who have not met minimum educational and volunteer hours for more than 4 years will need to be recertified if they wish to continue as a Master Gardener.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Greg Fields thanked Ruth Johnson for providing empty boxes this summer for the Giving Garden.

NEXT MEETING:

- Board meeting Oct. 2, Vigo County Public Library, 6:00pm.
- Planning and Scheduling meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 6:30pm, 4-H Building at the 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 October 2, 2014, Vigo County Public Library

President Sam Ligget called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

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

Non Board members in attendance: None

Minutes of last Board meeting: Carole Dreher – Published in Gazette

VICE PRESIDENT: Bob said that the October speaker will be Amber Slaughterbeck who works for the Vigo County Parks Department. He said he was still looking for a November speaker. When asked about the Bonsai program that had been mentioned at the September Planning and Scheduling meeting, he said that had fallen through.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna said that she had nothing to report and encouraged members to let her know if someone is ill so she can send them a card.

TREASURER: Pat reported on our balance. She said that she had paid the entry fee of \$50.00 for the Chili Cook-off and expenses of \$203.00.

SERVICE COORDINATOR: Cyd was unable to attend, but reported in an email message the names of persons who will be receiving awards in October.

COMMITTEES:

GIVING GARDEN: Reported via Sam that the poundage of the produce is down significantly due to the lateness of the season. Progress on the greenhouse is at a standstill. John Rosene of IVYTech wants to finish it with student labor, but scheduling has been a problem for him.

GARDENS: Head Bill Hiatt was not present, but members said they had received an email from Susan Polifroni saying that she had weeded the Butterfly Garden.

Verna reported that Debbie Lazzell had pulled up the zinnias and planted mums, pansies and flowering cabbage at 1ST AND Oak.

Sam said that work had been done on the First National bed.

Bob Archer said that he had watered the roses at Hawthorn Park. There was some discussion about reports of a mite that is attacking Knockout Roses in other areas (rosette virus?) and there are fears that it may become to roses what the EAB is to Ash trees.

SPRING SEMINAR 2015: Larry Agee said that they have 3 speakers and are talking to a possible 4th one. Cyd Hunter will arrange printing with the Big Picture. We have a verbal agreement with IVYTech, but are still awaiting a formal agreement. The arrangement should be the same as last year.

OLD BUSINESS:

ALTRUSA CHILI COOK-OFF: Members who worked at or attended the event reported that it had been fun and seemed to go well even though we did not win any prizes.

LEARNING DAY AT THE LIBRARY – Sharon Polge was to have prepared for this and Debbie Lazzell was to have led the effort at the event. No report was available to describe how the event turned out.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK – A workday is scheduled at the Fairgrounds on October 7th. Sunday, December 7th is the day assigned for us to work in the refreshment stand (train ride) during this seasonal event.

FALL MASTER GARDENER CLASS: It was reported that the class size has increased to 12 attendees.

WEB SITE COMMITTEE met recently to discuss various things about the site. One complaint about it is that it is difficult to add photos to it or edit items already on the site.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sam said we need to purchase and deliver donuts to City Park Employees, fairground employees, Hawthorne Park employees (and at the County Annex) and the Extension Office.

Sam asked if anyone on the board wished to take on the task. It was decided that the matter should be taken up at the next Planning & Scheduling meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jane Morse has scheduled a honeysuckle pull at Dobbs Park on Oct. 11 beginning at 8:30am. Cheryl Dell, Urban Forester, has been conducting some programs titled "Walk through the Park". She would like to do a program for Master Gardeners, perhaps one that included a walk around Deming Park. She would like to encourage Master Gardeners to advocate for maintaining the Urban forest.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be at the VCPL on November 6, 2014 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after 1.5 hours volunteer time.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher Recording Secretary

Here is an easy recipe for Pumpkin Cookies called "2 Ingredient Pumpkin Cookies".

1 box Spice Cake Mix (any brand)

1 15 oz. can pumpkin

Mix dry cake mix with pumpkin and drop by teaspoon on cookie sheet lined with parchment paper.

Bake for 15 – 20 minutes or until done in a 350 degree oven.

Makes approximately 30 to 36 cookies

Eat plain or frost with cream cheese frosting. (I purchased a can of cream cheese frosting)

I have made these and they are very good. A fast and easy recipe.

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