



OCTOBER 2016

GARDEN GAZETTE

NEXT MEETING: October 18, 2016, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.

Planning and Scheduling Meeting September 20, 2016, 4H Building/Fairgrounds.

No educational time was earned. Meeting was preceded by a carry-in meal. Connie Cooper ordered and picked up fried chicken which was supplied by the association. Members brought vegetables and desserts.

Meeting called to order by President Bob Archer at 7:07pm.

Minutes: had been published in the Gazette. There was one correction. It was reported that Beth Keyes went to the State Fair to volunteer at the Master Gardener booth but was Sue Rosiak instead.

Recording Secretary: Carole Dreher passed around an attendance sheet.

Vice President: Greg Fields had nothing to report.

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

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

Service Coordinator: Jessica Fields had nothing to report.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Greg said that apple trees will be planted at this site.

Flower Beds: **Bill Hiatt Head Bedkeeper:** Bill reported that his wife has been in intensive care with several serious health issues. He said that he had picked up mums from the Parks Department.

First and Oak, Verna Gaskin and Debbie Lazzell reported that mums have been planted in this bed.

Third and Maple, Beth Keyes reported that this bed has been cleaned up.

Spring Seminar: Jessica announced that she has called for a meeting at 9:30am on October 1st at the Community Center.

Christmas In the Park: Charlene McKean reported that we can begin setting up at the Ozok Shelter on November 12th and must be done by December 1st. On December 10th our organization is asked to sell train tickets. Judging will take place on December 16th. Our display will be judged at 7:10pm. The display should be dismantled and removed between December 26th and January 3rd.

Learning Days: Sharon Polge said this will take place from 9-12 at the Vigo County Library and volunteers are welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Greg Fields said that he has fertilizer if any committee needs some.

Next meetings

- Board Meeting October 6, 2016, Vigo Co. Library, 6:00pm.
- Planning and Scheduling Meeting, October 18, 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned with 1 hour of volunteer time for the 38 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 6, 2016, 6:00pm

Vigo Co. 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, Phil Small, Jessica Fields, Carl Trent.

Non Board Members in attendance: none.

Minutes of Last Board meeting: Carole said they were reported in the September Gazette. There was one correction. It was reported that Beth Keyes went to State Fair to volunteer at the Master Gardener booth, but was Sue Rosiak instead.

Vice President: Greg is still working on speakers.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna said she had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Pat passed around the latest bank statement for members perusal. She listed income and expenses and reported the current balance.

Service Coordinator: Jessica said that she had not received volunteer/education hours from anyone recently. She noted that she has a few badges that she needs to pick up.

COMMITTEES

Giving Garden: Greg said that volunteers are only working one day a week now. They are harvesting things like turnips, red & green tomatoes and some large sweet potatoes. They are planning to plant some fruit trees. They are grafted trees so they will need to be staked. He noted that most Light House residents have been moved to Conner Center after the recent fire which destroyed their building on Wabash Avenue.

Website: Sam said that he had added a photo to the site of member Carole Dreher participating in the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay during its time in Vigo County. He said that he had recently paid the fee to keep the domain name.

Spring Seminar 2017: Jessica reported that she has already hosted 2 committee meetings, neither of which has been well attended (4 at one time and 5 at the other). A November meeting is planned. They received an email from Charlotte (Ivy Tech) concerning food vendors. They must be certified. They are still pondering what to do about food.

Christmas in the Park: Bob Archer said that he attended a recent meeting of this committee. There was about 10 people in attendance. Era Nichols' son has a barn that they can use for storage. Bob says that they have a plan. They will need some people (mostly men) to meet at the trailer at 9:00am on November 12 and go to the park to set up walls mostly. They will not do everything because there will be no security.

OLD BUSINESS:

BED KEEPERS REPORTS:

1st & Oak and 3rd & Maple: Several people reported that these two beds look good. Carole Dreher said that she was especially proud of the way 1st & Oak bed looked whenever the Torchbearers events took place in Fairbanks Park where it is located.

Fairgrounds: Bob said that he has been working on these beds by removing trees that are anywhere from a few inches to two feet tall. He said the ties in front of the 4H building are only one level high and 2-3 people should be able to replace them in around ½ day.

NEW BUSINESS:

Donuts for Fairgrounds, Hawthorne Park, TH City Parks and Extension Office People – Sam Ligget volunteered to take care of this project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Check wvmga.org website for additional announcements

Next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Vigo County Public Library on 11/3/16 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after .5 hours of volunteer time.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

October sure is flying by. We finally got that drop in temperature and are officially moving away from 80 // days. You have my permission to pull out your sweaters and prepare for fuzzy hats and mittens! The Master Gardeners are planning and preparing for involvement in the community, (even in winter!) Christmas in the Park, as well as garden maintenance around Terre Haute, and the Fairgrounds. Keep up the good work and enjoy the fall foliage.

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