



SEPTEMBER 2017

GARDEN GAZETTE

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
Planning and Scheduling Meeting
August 15, 2017, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room
Vigo County Fairgrounds

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President Greg Fields.
Charlene McKean introduced member Sam Liggett who spoke about how to access our Master Gardener website, www.wvmga.org and noted that members can navigate to the Purdue Master Gardener website from there. He spoke about how to log hours on that site. There was discussion. Dana Gadenken helped Sam field questions from members. One question was how to count contacts. Do we count other members or only other people we come in contact with? What hours count as volunteer hours? Sam noted that our site has announcements on a calendar. Members can also link to Purdue publications or other local sites related to gardening. Some forms are available on our site such as an expense form. A form for keeping track of hours is available for persons who prefer to keep track of their hours in this way. Educational time is .75 hours or 45 minutes.

Minutes: published in the August 2017 Gazette.

Recording Secretary Carole Dreher passed around an attendance sheet.

Corresponding Secretary Verna Gaskin was not present.

Treasurer Mary Beth Prickel discussed income and expenses and reported our balance.

Service Coordinator Jessica Fields will place a badge order on 9/1/17. She listed some of the people who are due to get badges including Muriel Spitler, Yvonne Russell (Silver) and Verna Gaskin (Gold 3000).

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Greg Fields reported that volunteers have harvested and donated 10,000 + pounds of produce. He has not entered corn which has already been picked. He expressed thanks to volunteers. Two new places have received donations of produce. We received a thank you note from a group in Montezuma who received 150 pounds. They were amazed that people in Vigo County would think of them.

Spring Seminar 2018: Jessica Fields reported that the date for this event is set for March 10, 2018.

Website: Sam Ligget said that he had received a phony notice about keeping our web name.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fair Committee: Bill Hiatt provided follow-up saying that he and Sam Ligget had gone to get several bags of cement. He said that we had a lot of volunteers and participants. Carole Dreher noted that the Gazette had a report from Verna that fair goers made 200 paper posies, 173 painted rocks, 183 flower arrangements and 339 stepping stones.

Greg noted that our organization has given a second \$500 scholarship to IVY Tech bringing our total scholarship support to \$1,000 for 2017.

Greg stated that we have spent around \$75.00 for material to build 2 raised beds for the Happiness Bag group.

Phil Small and Bob Archer will represent Master Gardeners at the Soil and Water Conservation Field Days which take place from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on September 12, 13, 14.

Five or six people volunteered to work in the Master Gardener Booth at the Indiana State Fair (four on a weekday and three on Sunday).

Sharon Polge said that several children visited our booth at the Farmers Market on July 22nd. She and other volunteers helped them make paper posies to take home.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas in the Park 2017: Ruth Bohner, co-chair of this committee, reported that tentative plans for this year's display include a large snowman, a Christmas tree and lights. A meeting is planned soon. Verna will be asked to send out an email.

Giving Garden: Greg said that we would like to add two new hydrants. We have permission from the Fair Board for the installation.

Nominating Committee: Greg said that he hopes to name a nomination committee at our next Planning and Scheduling meeting.

Diversity Training: Greg reported that the Board of Directors had participated in a diversity training session offered by the Purdue Extension Office. One matter he mentioned was that we will no longer offer a public prayer prior to a carry-in meal or other event, but will instead ask for a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Garden Tour: Debbie Lazzell suggested that we may want to consider whether we still want to continue having a garden tour. Turn out for this year's tour was low and it is getting difficult to find gardens to tour.

Bill Hiatt said that the Arboretum is renting a shed and may have some items that we can use.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Board meeting September 7, 2017, Vigo Co. Library, 6:00 pm.
- Planning and scheduling meeting, September 19, 2017, 4-H meeting room, Vigo County Fairgrounds preceded by seed & plant exchange and carry-in meal.

The meeting was adjourned with .75 hours (45 minutes) of volunteer time for the 37 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 7, 2017
Vigo County Library, room 6

President Greg Fields called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm.

Members in attendance: Greg Fields, Charlene McKean, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Mary Beth Prickle, Larry Agee, Sam Ligget, Phil Small, Carl Trent.

Non Board member in attendance: Bob Archer and Dana Gaden, Purdue Educator.

Vice President: Charlene McKean says that she does not have a speaker for October yet.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin said that she has nothing to report.

Treasurer: Mary Beth Prickel distributed printed reports of the current status of the budget, discussed some items and listed the current balance as of September 7, 2017.

Service Coordinator: Jessica Fields was not present because she was teaching a class.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Greg Fields described activity at the Giving Garden. He said that activity is currently winding down until they are ready to harvest Gene Jarvis' turnips.

Flowerbeds: Larry Agee said that John shoemaker has been watering the Butterfly Garden. Bob Archer has been watering the garden at 1st and Oak. Larry noted that the garden at 3rd and Maple still looks good. There was some discussion about a few dead rose bushes at Deming and at 1st and Oak (1 each).

Website: Sam Ligget said he had nothing to report.

Spring Seminar 2017/2018: Dana Gaden said she has some suggestions for speakers or presenters.

Christmas in the Park: Bob Archer reported that this committee had a meeting with several people present and that plans are proceeding well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Soil and Water Conservation days are coming up on Sept. 12, 13, 14, 2017. Bob Archer said that they have someone who is bringing in bees for the event.

Nominating committee: Greg said that he has not had any success in finding someone to chair this committee. He, Charlene and Mary Beth all said they do not plan to run again.

There was discussion about jobs that can be claimed as volunteer hours.

NEW BUSINESS:

Verna said that the Women's Home Ec. Clubs had had a display and that she was asked if the Master Gardeners could create a display that would illustrate what the Master Gardeners do. Carole Dreher suggested that perhaps some of the displays that we have used at the Arts Illiana Tablescapes could be adapted for a display of this sort. Another person said we might be able to use information on the sheets that we use to recruit members for different committees could be useful.

Master Gardeners Roundtable: Board members have been invited to attend this event at Greencastle on 9/12/17. There was discussion about attendance. Five people announced plans to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Check wvmga.org website for additional announcements.

Next planning and scheduling meeting is 9/19/17, **6:00 pm**, carry-in meal and a seed and plant exchange will precede meeting. Verna will send out an email indicating details. A thru M bring vegetable or salad and N thru Z bring fruit or dessert.

Next Board meeting will be October 5 at 6:00 pm at Vigo County Library, room 6.

Meeting adjourned after .75 hours (45 minutes) of volunteer time.

Submitted by Carole Dreher Recording Secretary.

On a side note the Herb Garden at the Fairgrounds is a Certified University of Illinois "Pocket Pollinator" garden. Paper work has been filed and the plaque is in place in the garden. Congratulations to Debbie Lazzell (chairman of the gardens at the fairgrounds) and her committee.

Something to remember for next year:

- Hosta of the year for 2018 is "World Cup"
- Perennial of the year for 2018 is Allium "Millennium"
- Herb of the year for 2018 is HOPS (Humulus ssp)