



MARCH

GARDEN GAZETTE

2014

The March planning and scheduling meeting will take place on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2014, at 6:30pm** in the 4-H Meeting Room at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. (Note the new date for this month only) Education time will be on food nutrition with a speaker from the Extension Office.

Planning and scheduling meeting, February 18, 2014.

Education: Bob Archer announced that Rob Jean who was supposed to present a program on bees had called to say that he was ill. Bob then presented a program on moles. He described their habits and habitats and how to manage them. Education time earned was .75 hours. President Sam Ligget called the meeting to order.

Minutes: published in the Gazette. Minutes were approved as presented in the Gazette.

Recording Secretary: Carole Dreher passed around an attendance sheet.

Vice President: Bob Archer reported that the trailer issue for storage is still undecided. Greg Fields is still checking on the matter. Bob noted that the March meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19 at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds 4-H Meeting Room and the April 15 meeting will be at Dobbs Park.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin noted that member Emma Harlan's husband had passed away as a result of an ambulance accident.

Treasurer: Pat Youman reported the balance in our account.

Committees:

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter noted that a total of 5,567 volunteer hours and 1,191.5 education hours were reported for 2013.

Giving Garden: Greg Fields reported that volunteers planted seeds today (2/18) for Earth Day and Herb Fair. On March 18th volunteers are needed to plant seeds for the Giving Garden. Planting will take place in the greenhouse at IVY Tech. Farm Bureau has some young farmers

who can help with the October 9th Garden Tour. He may need some help for this event. The White Violet Center wants to check out our new greenhouse at the Giving Garden.

Flower Beds: Bill Hiatt, Head Bed keeper, had a meeting with the Park Board and they now have our budget.

Spring Seminar: Brenda Kirchner and Carol Swearingen reported on this event which will take place on March 8th at IVY tech. They are working on the booklet. Members attending were asked to bring old magazines, such as Birds and Bloom, and/or seed catalogs.

Matter in Motion: This event will take place on March 22nd. Sharon Polge and Debbi Gansz need pinecones for a birdfeeder project. Cones from a white pine work best.

OLD BUSINESS:

Audit Committee: Gene Jarvis reminded members that they should use expense reports when asking for reimbursement. Copies of the report can be obtained from the WVMGA Website. Committee sign-up sheet – passed around again with a copy of Verna's committee description page.

MEETING DATES AND LOCATION CHANGES:

- **March meeting changed from Tuesday, March 18 to Wednesday, March 19th. Location remains at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds 4-H Meeting Room.**
- **April meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15th at Dobbs Park in the Indian Museum.**
- **August meeting will be on Tuesday, August 19th at the Dogwood Shelter in Hawthorn Park.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Table Scapes: Nancy Nation reported the theme for this year is based on the Patriotic Garden in Deming Park so colors are red, white and blue. Persons on the committee are Elisabeth Friedman, Nancy Nation, Sharon Polge, Mary Beth Prickel, Lynn VanEtten and Carol Dreher. The events are to take place at the Country Club of Terre Haute. On Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8 from 10:00am to 5:00pm they are open for daily viewing at a cost of \$5.00 per ticket which will allow the ticketholder to cast a vote for their favorite tablescape. We hope that you will consider attending and voting for our table.

Spring Intern Class: Carol Swearingen – classes meet from February 13 to May 8 at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. There are 21 persons enrolled in the class.

Gene Jarvis made a motion to fund a scholarship of \$170 to send a 4-Her (4) to a Plant Science workshop at Purdue. Patty seconded the motion which was amended to specify that the 4-Her do a presentation to the Master Gardeners about their experience. The motion passed by a voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Bob Archer purchased a projector at an ISU auction for \$80.00. It is 9 years old. There was a motion to approve the purchase. Motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.
- Public Seed Exchange at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds in the 4-H Meeting Room on Feb. 24 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.
- Presentation about the Emerald Ash Borer at the VCPL on February 20th from noon to 1:00pm.
- Indianapolis Museum of Art is having a seminar on Monday, February 24, to train persons interested in becoming a docent for their grounds.
- There will be a demonstration of fruit tree pruning at St. Mary of the Woods on Mar. 1.

Next Meetings:

- **Board meeting, April 3, 2014, Vigo Co. Public Library, Room C, 6:00pm**
- **Planning and Scheduling meeting, Tuesday, April 15, 2014, Dobbs Park Indian Museum, 6:30pm**

Submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

Board of Directors meeting March 6, 6:00pm.

President, Sam Ligget called the meeting to order.

Members in attendance: Sam Ligget, Bob Archer, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Cyd Hunter, Carl Trent, Larry Agee Paula Wilson, Bill Hiatt.

Non Board member in attendance: John Hilderbrand.

Minutes of last Board Meeting: Carole Dreher noted that the minutes from the previous Board meeting had been published in the February Gazette.

Vice President: Bob Archer said that Jim Luzar or someone from the Purdue Extension-Vigo County Office would present the Educational portion of the Wednesday, March 19, 2014 meeting. The topic will concern something about healthy eating. The April 15th Planning and scheduling meeting will be at the Indian Museum at Dobbs Park with the educational portion of the meeting offered by a park employee.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin said that some members had asked her about a Jr. Master Gardener program. Two persons who are involved with Girl Scouts and 4-H are interested in the subject.

Treasurer: Pat Youman reported the current balance in the Treasury and noted that it includes a sizeable amount of money collected for the Spring Seminar, a portion of which will soon be paid out. She passed around a copy of the current bank statement and presented a membership list with the names of members who have paid their 2014 dues highlighted.

COMMITTEES:

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter mentioned that some persons have paid their dues for 2014 but have not submitted a report of their 2013 volunteer and educational hours. Six members submitted their hours but did not report a sufficient number of educational hours. None persons have earned Advanced status.

Giving Garden: Sam Liggett noted that a planting day for the Giving Garden is scheduled for March 18th to take place at the IVY Tech greenhouse to begin at 10:00am.

Head Bed Keeper: Bill Hiatt said that the Park Board had approved budgets for all of the gardens except for the one at the Sewage Plant. The budget amounts for this year are the same as last years. The Park Board also donated some calendars and information for distribution at the Spring Seminar.

Spring Seminar: It was reported that 122 persons have signed up for this event. The number of vendors and sponsors is similar to those in 2013.

Earth Day: Sam reported that Union Hospital does not intend to have an Earth Day event this year.

Herb Fair: Sam said that he had purchased 4 used racks from Rural King which can be used to display hanging baskets at this event. Verna said that she has plans to pick up hanging baskets to be sold there.

OLD BUSINESS:

Matter in Motion: Debi Gansz and Sharon Polge will head up this event on March 22 at IVY Tech from 10:00am to 2:00pm. They have requested that members donate pine cones to be used for a bird feeder project.

Spring Intern Class: The start of this class was delayed due to poor weather conditions. There are around 20 persons participating.

Committee Sign-up: Carole Dreher passed around the current list. One person noted that the list did not make it all the way around the room at the February 18th meeting.

Web Site: Sam said that we need a new web master. The site has not been kept up to date in part because members do not submit photos and data in a timely manner. Carole Dreher said that she was willing to try the job for a while to see if she was able to handle it. Larry Agee noted that nobody is currently replying to email sent to email address provided by the site.

Public Seed Exchange and Fruit Tree Pruning demonstration: Members who attended these events reported that they were well attended and well received.

NEW BUSINESS:

July Board Meeting: Sam said that the Library will be closed for a 2 week period at that time that this meeting is scheduled for so we can hold the meeting at this house.

Tax Exempt Status: A lengthy sometimes confusing discussion occurred concerning the fact that we have lost our tax exempt status due to late filing of a report. Pat, Sam and former Treasurer John Hilderbrand are in the process of filing to get the status back. This entails preparing several pages of reports and forms. Pat asked if she could have permission to take the completed documents to a tax consultant for a review before we submit them. Bob Archer moved that we make a request at the next Planning and Scheduling meeting on March 9th for \$850.00 for the IRS filing fee and up to \$500.00 for a tax consultant. Bill Hiatt seconded the motion which passed by a voice vote.

Bill Hiatt demonstrated one of two new easels that he has purchased for use at events such as the Spring Seminar.

Announcements:

2014 Purdue Master Gardener State Conference in Indianapolis – June 12-14, 2014.

- April in Paris, April 14, 2014, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Paris, IL. \$25.

It was suggested that we forgo making a lot of announcements about events not sponsored by our club or local organization at our meeting and just let Verna issue emails about them.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Vigo County Public Library on April 3, 2014 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after 1.75 hours of volunteer time.