



FEBRUARY 2020

GARDEN GAZETTE

**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2020, 6:00pm, Vigo Co. Public Library, Room 6**

President, Ruth Bohner called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members in attendance: Ruth Bohner, Stan Stevenson, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Susie Thompson, Brenda Christianson, Phil Small, Sam Ligget and Bob Archer.

Non Board Member in attendance: Dana Gadeken, Purdue Educator.

Minutes of last Board Meeting: Carole Dreher said there was no December Board of Directors meeting in December so no minutes.

Vice President: Stan Stevenson said that the topic for education at the January Planning and scheduling meeting would be Stratification. Carole Dreher told him that she and another member are interested in the topic of recycling with an emphasis on micro plastics in the soil.

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

Treasurer: Sue Thompson presented a written report for the past year. Some topics were discussed. She noted that we need to apply for a Nursery Dealer's license prior to Earth Day at St. Mary of the Woods and the Herb Faire at the Fairgrounds. Bob Archer moved that she submit an application for this license. Verna seconded the application which passed by a voice vote. Susie also said that she has the bill for the fidelity bond.

Service Coordinator: Brenda Christianson said that she is working on reported hours.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Bob Archer noted that Area Planning is concerned about the foundation of the greenhouse at the garden. Phil Small said that John Rosene has retired from Ivy Tech. He has been replaced by a woman. Phil said that they need to meet with her to see about continuing use of their greenhouse. Last year we planted seeds on February 1st.

Website: Sam Ligget noted that some people have said that they were unable to log on to Purdue's Master Gardener website via the link on our wvmga.org website. He said that Purdue had a new server, but was unsure if this could be the problem. He said that he would continue checking on this situation.

Flowerbeds: Vicki Cochran – no report.

Spring Seminar 2020: This event will take place on March 28, 2020 at the Banquet Center at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. A planning meeting is scheduled for 10:00am on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at the Methodist Temple Church on Highway 41 sound of Terre Haute.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bulb planting in Elementary Schools: Ruth reported that 10 schools have indicated that they would like to participate in this project. She wants to create a committee for this project. This year they will be planting Paper Whites and Sweet Potatoes in glass jars.

Committee sign-ups: Sam said that he will place sign-up sheets out for members to sign-up for committees of their choice at the January Planning and scheduling meeting. Afterwards they will be given to Verna so she can create a report of committees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Audit Committee: Sam said that this committee will meet and report later, perhaps in February.

2020 Calendar of Events: Verna said she has prepared a calendar which she will publish later. Carole Dreher asked if Board of Directors' meetings would revert to first Thursdays or if they will continue to be held on first Tuesdays. This month's meeting was moved to Tuesday to accommodate Vice President Stan Stevenson's work schedule. He said that he would be unavailable on Thursdays until at least May. If we move the meetings to Tuesday we will have to see about changing the dates that we have reserved at the Library.

2020 Budget: Susie passed out a report showing last year's budget figures versus our actual expenditures. Members examined the report line by line. Discussion of several items took place. Currently several officers have allocations for supplies, such as paper, ink, etc. It was decided that a single supplies item should be sufficient and it could be used by all officer/members. There were questions about the amount budgeted for "4-H Scholarships". There was discussion about this item, but no action was taken. Susie said that she would prepare a document showing proposed items and amounts prior to the next planning and scheduling meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Check wvmga.org website for additional announcements.

Next planning and scheduling meeting: At the Banquet Center at the Vigo Co. Fairgrounds, 6:30pm on 01/21/2020.

Board of Directors meeting is currently scheduled to be at the Public Library on Thursday, 02/06/2020 at 6:00pm, but may be moved to Tuesday, 02/04/2020 depending on available space at the Library.

Meeting adjourned after 1.75 hours of volunteer time.

Submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2020, 6:30pm, Wabash Valley Fairground Banquet Center**

CALL TO ORDER: President Ruth Bohner called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. She noted that in the future meeting agendas will be emailed to members and then displayed on a screen.

She then invited Dana Gadeken to speak. Dana talked about how seeds are germinated. There are two methods. One is stratification. This occurs based on the depth of the seed in or on the ground. The other is scarification. This required a seed to be abraded before it can germinate.

Dana talked about the "Space Tree" which grows beside the Extension Office in Terre Haute. In 1988 several seeds were taken into space with an astronaut. After returning to earth, the seeds were planted and each county in Indiana received a seedling. Ours is a tulip poplar.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Recording Secretary: Carole Dreher reported that minutes from the December Planning and scheduling meeting were published in the January Gazette. One correction was noted. Master Gardeners received 7th Place in the Christmas in the Park event, not 6th Place as stated in the minutes.

Vice President: Stan Stevenson asked for suggestions for educational topics and/or speakers.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna said she had nothing to report but asked members to check their emails for announcements about planting seeds and Earth Day events.

Treasurer: Susie reported the balance in our checking account and in our CD's. She noted that it is time to pay dues. They are \$15.00 through February and \$20.00 after that. She said that she acquired a Nursery License for the organization so we can sell perennials, shrubs or trees.

Service Coordinator: Brenda said that two people had given her their hours for her to enter onto the Master Gardener website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Giving Garden: Bob Archer said that there is a new person in charge of the Ivy Tech greenhouse. He is waiting for a meeting with her to learn what the current rules are for use of the greenhouse. After that he would like to schedule a meeting of the Giving Garden committee.

Website: Sam noted that sheets were available for members to sign up for committees they would like to serve on. He said that he has placed a schedule of events on the website.

Spring Seminar: Phil Small said that this event will take place on March 28, 2020 in the Banquet Center at the fairgrounds. The committee hopes to have three speakers. They have one already whose topic will be Orchids. If any member knows of a business that might like to advertise in the Seminar Booklet, please invite them to do so and let Shannon Giles know. Same with Vendors. He said that a committee meeting is planned for Thursday, January 23, 2020 at the Methodist Temple Church where the December planning and scheduling meeting was held.

Tablescapes: Carole Dreher and Nancy Nation who have chaired this committee said that they no longer wish to be taken on this project. Ruth said that there is a sign up sheet for the event if anybody else wants to sign up for it, please do so otherwise we will not participate in this community wide event.

Purdue Extension: Dana Gadeken said the Spring Intern Class would be meeting on Mondays. She needs to have at least 10 people to sign up for the class.

Dana also said that all members need to sign the annual agreement.

OLD BUSINESS:

Committee Sign -up sheets: Sam noted that they were displayed on one of the tables in the room.

Bulbs in the Classroom: Ruth Bohner said that they would be using Paper Whites and Sweet Potatoes for this project. So far around 40 teachers are interested. Some principals and secretaries are also interested. So far Dixie Bee has shown the most interest (16).

NEW BUSINESS:

2020 Calendar of Events: This document was sent out electronically.

2020 Proposed Spending Budget: Treasurer Susie Thompson presented some printed copies of the proposed for 2020. It had 2 columns comparing the 2019 budgeted amounts to the actual 2020 amounts and then a third column showing the proposed 2020 budget amounts. There was discussion about some of the items. A motion was made to accept the proposed budget. The motion was seconded and the motion passed by a voice vote with no dissensions.

Vigo Public Library Groundskeeper's request for help: A meeting will be scheduled for interested Master Gardeners to meet the Library's groundskeeper to determine what he hopes to accomplish with our participation.

Fairgrounds Community Building Renovation Update: Dana and Debbie Lazzell met to discuss the layout for the Community Building Landscaping. They are considering making a rain garden and using native plants. Dana showed a proposed layout using stuff we already have and donations like native plants. She suggested that we might be able to use this as an educational subject.

Dana presented several members, Flo Evinger, Vicki Cochran Charlene McKean and Phil Small with achievement certificates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bi-State Annual Gardening Conference: January 23, 5:30 – 8:45pm, Beef House, Covington, Indiana. There will be 2 speakers.

2020 Home & Outdoor Living Expo: February 22-23, 10am – 7pm and 11am – 5pm at Vigo Fairgrounds. Master Gardeners may have a booth. Checking our insurance to see if allowed.

Bill Hiatt thanked members for concerns for him and his family on the death of his wife, Janice Hiatt.

Check wvmga.org for additional information and announcements.

Next Meetings:

- **Board of Directors, Vigo Co. Public Library, room 6, Feb. 6, 6:--pm.**
- **Planning and scheduling meeting, February 18, 6:30pm, Fairgrounds Banquet Center.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm with .5 hour education with 1.0 hour volunteer time.

Submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Vigo CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020, 6:00pm, room 6**

Meeting called to order by President Ruth Bohner.

Members in attendance: Ruth Bohner, Verna Gaskin, Sue Thompson, Brenda Christianson, Sam Ligget, Bob Archer, and Phil Small.

Non Board member in attendance: none

Vice-President: Stan Stevenson was absent. February education time will be Scott Monroe speaking on Food Safety from a home gardener's perspective.

Recording Secretary: Carole Dreher was absent.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna had nothing to report. Will sent out Committee sign-up listings to everyone.

Treasurer: Sue reported balance in checking account and stated one of our CD's was rolled over with interest being deposited in our checking account.

Service Coordinator: Brenda stated several have not turned in their hours which are now due for 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Giving Garden: Bob Archer had meeting at the garden with Area Planning at the greenhouse.

Foundation passed examination. He and Phil Small had a meeting with the new Ag. Instructor at Ivy Tech concerning use of the greenhouse.

Bed Keepers: No report

Website: Sam stated the calendar on the first page has been taken off because of problem with dates and times.

Spring Seminar 2020: Phil stated two speakers have been locked in and waiting on the third speaker to confirm.

PURDUE EXTENSION: Dana Gadeken absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bulbs in the Classroom wrap-up: All bulbs have been delivered.

Committee Sign-ups completed: We will no longer be doing Tablescares.

Vigo Co. Public Library Groundskeeper's request for help: Bob Archer had a meeting with the groundskeeper and will consult with him about the landscaping around the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Valley Viewer reserved for May 17. Subject suggestions were on education and community involvement of the Master Gardeners.

Skills and Interest survey to be done at the February Planning and scheduling meeting.

Audit Report: The committee met and went over the books and found no problems.

ISU Earth day on April 22, 2020, 11am to 2pm. To be discussed at our planning and scheduling meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Planning and scheduling meeting , Banquet Center at Fairgrounds on 02/18/20, 6:30pm.
- Board of Directors meeting, Public Library, room 6, March 5, 6pm.

Check wvmga.org for additional information and announcements.

Meeting adjourned with 1.5 hours volunteer time.

Submitted by Corresponding Secretary Verna Gaskin for Recording Secretary Carole Dreher

