



THE GARDEN GAZETTE

The April Planning and Scheduling meeting will be **April 26th, 6:30 PM** at the **Torner Center in Deming Park**. Education time will be a program on botanical nomenclature presented by Master Gardener Pat Secrest.

PLANNING AND SCHEDULING SESSION MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2011.

Vice President Marilyn Miller introduced Dallas May of Swanee Orchard, our speaker for the evening. Everyone present can claim **one-half hour** education time.

29 members present for meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Larry Agee.

Vice President: Marilyn stated no speaker for May meeting, that is our annual Intern Class graduation party at the Ute Shelter in Deming Park. She has speakers lined up for June and July.

Recording Secretary: Bob Archer. Minutes from February planning and scheduling meeting approved as published in the Gazette. No corrections or additions.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna. Nothing to report.

Treasurer: John. Balance given as of this date. Increase due to assessments and Spring Seminar income. No corrections or additions. Motion made and seconded to accept Treasurer's report as given. Motion carried.

Service Coordinator: In Cyd's absence Verna handed out a listing of cumulative hours to some members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Webpage: Cyd not present. Need pictures of our activities and gardens to put on website. Send them to Cyd. Larry stated he had received two inquiries for information from the web page. Debi Gansz said she had sent Cyd pictures from last year's Earth Day.

Giving Garden: Phil - Committee met Feb. 28. Waiting for ground to dry. Have planted 49 flats and they are coming up. Will plant about 500 more cells or around 28 flats. Pat Secrest presented the final draft of the plotting map. Jim will do a demonstration garden with the new Intern Class.

Working on obtaining a shed. Will have a composting area this year. Will notify membership when ready to plant in the garden so watch the website and your e-mail. No additional committee meetings scheduled at this time.

Earth Day: Debi states that we have 9 flats of plants and that they are up and growing. Need 16 to 20 oz. water or pop bottles to put a sunflower in as a give away. A sign-up sheet sent around for help at Earth Day (April 16 at St. Mary of the Woods)

"Matter in Motion": Sharon stated it will be held Sat., March 26 at Ivy Tech Main Campus. We will be doing Pinecone bird feeders. Sign-up sheet sent around.

Fair: Still need 2 liter bottles and/or large jars that peanuts come in and large clear peanut butter jars for "make and take" terrarium and small to medium size vases for "make and take" flower arranging for fair. All jars, etc. should be clean with labels removed.

Spring Seminar: John stated there were 180 paid participants. Sister Teri reported that St. Mary's donated/deferred the video set up fees. John gave a summary of the feedback sheets and stated a finished finance report would be ready for next month's meeting. General discussion about completing the wedding garden and possible expense involved.

Herb Fair: John - General discussion. To be held May 7 at Fairbanks Park. Tomatoes will be delivered. Will go to Amish Auction to get hanging baskets. Set-up time will be 7:00 AM. Help will be needed.

Garden Tour: Bill Hiatt - meeting to be scheduled soon.

Gardens: Head bedkeeper: Roger stated that bed keepers had copies of current budgets. Roger has planted some perennials for the butterfly garden. Hawthorn Park: Roses have been pruned and fertilized. The only thing that we have to contribute at Hawthorn Park is labor. The County Parks department is supplying everything else.

Fairgrounds gardens - Bill Hiatt stated there had been a work day to start renovating the gardens around the floriculture building. Bill led discussion about the renovation and work still to be done. Bill requested an additional

\$500.00 to complete the project. Motion made and carried. No planned major changes to the 4H garden at this time.

Old Business:

Union Hospital Earth Day: Sharon states it is Friday, April 22 (Good Friday) at Union Hospital, inside, lower level. Sign-up sheet sent around. Will sell leftovers from Earth Day at St. Mary's.

Merom Chautauqua: Carol has been in touch with Master Gardeners in Sullivan County and they will coordinate with Emily Condon.

List of committee members - Bob has completed this and forwarded to Cyd to be published on the web site.

Membership List - Corrections made and copies to be available at the next meeting. (membership list will not be posted on website)

New Business:

Need to be thinking about the 2012 Spring Seminar. If you would like to be on committee or have any ideas on speakers let Larry Agee know. We need co-chairmen and committee members.

State Conference: June 9 to 11 at Fort Wayne. Information on State MG website. We will be sending three members to conference. If interested in going notify Larry Agee or any Board member.

Intern Class: Has been extended to May 6. Graduation party for the interns is Tuesday, May 24, 6:00 PM (note earlier time) at the Ute Shelter in Deming Park. This is a carry in meal. Meat furnished. This will take the place of the regular planning and scheduling meeting for May.

Honey Creek Garden Club Plant Sale is Wednesday, April 27 at 9:00 AM and not before time. Held at Fairbanks Park.

Next Board of Directors meeting is May 12 at 6:00 PM at the Pie Co.

Motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:00 PM. **Can claim 1 hour volunteer time.**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: The Board met Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Grand Traverse Pie Company. Present were Larry Agee, Marilyn Miller, Verna Gaskin, John Hilderbrand, Cyd Hunter, Paula Wilson, Debbie Lazzell, Bill Hiatt and Association member Debi Gansz.

Absent were Bob Archer and Carl Trent.

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM.

Minutes of previous Board meeting were as published in March Gazette. No corrections or additions.

Vice President: Marilyn - April Education time is Deanna Franklin speaking on Picking and Preserving Vegetables safely from the garden. May meeting no speaker. June speaker will be the Honey Bee Queen Lacy Dooley. July speaker to be rescheduled since Pat Secrest's presentation will be given at April's meeting. Marilyn states that she has received a lot of positive feedback on the speakers and also a couple of negative responses.

Treasurer: John - Check to Prairie Gardens for 30 tomatoes. Check to Larry Agee for 3 flats of herbs to sell at Earth Day.

Service Coordinator: Cyd - No hours turned in since last meeting. Badges should be here for April meeting. Board made Mary Ann Kelley an Honorary Member.

Committee Reports:

Spring Seminar: John - Final report will be made at the Planning and Scheduling meeting on April 26.

Giving Garden: Waiting on ground to dry out and be tilled. The rest of the seeds were planted in the Greenhouse at Ivy Tech on the 13th. There were 13 flats planted then for a total of 74 flats that have been planted or 1,332 plants.

Earth Day: Debi Gansz - Larry and Carl went to Prairie Gardens on the 13th and picked up the tomatoes and herbs to sell for Earth Day. 15 Early girl and 15 Better Boy tomato plants. (The plants are in bloom and the Early Girl already has small tomatoes) Herbs include dill, flat leaf parsley, Rosemary, Oregano, Garden Sage and Pineapple sage and chives. Vegetables to sell include cabbage, broccoli, different types of lettuces. Will be making pinecone birdfeeders for the kids and handing out coloring pages and some Teddy Bear sunflowers and free seed packets of sunflowers, marigolds and zinnias. Tomatoes will sell for \$8 each, herbs for \$3 each and vegetable plants \$1 for a 2 pack. John gave Debbi the cash box and check for change.

Herb Fair: Tomatoes are growing. Set up will be Friday, May 6.

Fair Committee: Beth is working on flyer with West Vigo High School. There is a work evening Tuesday, April 19 at 4:00 PM. Will need wheelbarrows, rakes and shovels and lots of help. Bill requested a check for \$500 for purchase of soil, mulch, perennials as he will be going to several different places to purchase these items.

Gardens: Verna - 1st and Oak. Jim Luzar is to cut the grasses.

Bill H. - Patriotic Garden has been mulched around perennials.

More mulch needs to be added to pathway.

Old business: Rosters will be e-mailed to everyone. If no one has e-mail they will be sent through regular mail. Membership roster will not be posted

on our website.

Union Hospital Earth Day: Nothing to report.

State Conference: Ft. Wayne, June 9 - 11. Anyone wanting to go contact Larry Agee. Verna will send out an e-mail reminder to everyone. Cyd will put it on the website.

Paula reminded John that Corporate Entity paper needs to be filed this month.

Garden Tour: Bill H. - wanted to know if a non-members garden could be on the tour. Discussion followed. Board voted to allow. So far there are three gardens on the tour. If you would like your garden on the tour contact a committee member. Committee members are Bill Hiatt, Aaron Wheaton, Cyd Hunter, Debbie Lazzell and Paula Wilson.

New Business:

Verna stated that the Floriculture Building now has a working stove, sink, and refrigerator with additional storage cabinets.

Discussion on possibility of having a plant sale using members extra plants and also starting perennial seeds in greenhouse. Everything would need to be labeled. This could be an additional fundraiser.

Honey Creek Garden Club is having their annual plant sale on Wednesday, April 27 at 9:00 AM at the Shelter at Fairbanks Park.

The Herb Society will be taking a trip to Ft. Wayne Botanical Gardens and some garden centers and associated craft stores in June. Cost is \$50. More information later.

Discussion where we will meet in June and July. Will bring up at planning and scheduling meeting.

Next Board of Directors meeting May 12 at 6:00 PM at Grand Traverse Pie Company.

Next Planning and Scheduling meeting April 26, 6:30 PM at Turner Center in Deming Park. May 24 meeting at Ute Shelter in Deming Park next to Patriotic Garden, Butterfly Garden and Herb Garden. Don't miss this meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 7:05 PM. **1 hour volunteer time.**

I attended the "April in Paris" seminar at Paris, Illinois on the 14th. There were several association members (9) present. I got to meet Julie Baysinger who has been sending in articles for the newsletter. Julie has an article in this newsletter on:

"You Might be a Gardener if....."

Your car has a bumper sticker that reads, "I break for greenhouses!"

The trunk of your car contains clumps of potting soil and a few dried leaves.

The terms “germination” and “deadheading” often come up in conversation.

You spent more money on plants than groceries one month.

You trash pick for plastic pots and seedling cells.

You have enough seeds to grow food for a small village.

You know how many bags of fertilizer your car will hold.

You are constantly searching for ways to prepare your abundance of Zucchini.

You take home vegetable scraps from work for your compost pile.

You can name more than twenty varieties of tomatoes.

You find pleasure in squishing aphids.

Thanks Julie and it was great meeting you.

NOTICE: It has been suggested that all Interns and Association Members wear their name badges to the Planning and Scheduling meetings and all related events.

2011 PERENNIAL PLANT OF THE YEAR: “Ansonia Hubristic”

2011 HOSTA OF THE YEAR: “Praying Hands”

2011 HERB OF THE YEAR: “Horseradish”

Thought for the Day - “Wow, look at the grass stains on my skin. I say, if your knees aren’t green by the end of the day, you ought to seriously re-examine your life.”

That’s all for this month. Keep dodging those raindrops. It has to dry out sometime soon.