



WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION, INC.

JULY MASTER GARDENER GARDEN GAZETTE

NEXT PLANNING AND SCHEDULING SESSION:

July 23 after the Garden Tour at Bill Hiatt's house in Staunton with a carry-in meal. Directions have been emailed to everyone.

Planning and Scheduling Session minutes of June 28, 2011: Education speaker: Vice President Sam Liggett introduced Lacy Dooley, 2011 Indiana Honey Bee Queen. She got her bee background from 4-H Beekeeping. Her knowledge of bee keeping seemed quite extensive and her presentation was very informative. **1/2 hour education time for those attending.**

Business and Planning meeting called to order at 7:17 PM and President Larry Agee had everyone in the room introduce themselves.

Minutes from the May 24th Planning and Scheduling Session held at the Ute Shelter were approved without corrections as published in the June Garden Gazette.

Vice President: Sam Liggett stated that Stephanie Taylor, talking about photography would be the next education presenter in August. Question was brought up, did we want to have an education presenter for our next meeting since it was going to be after the garden tour at Bill Hiatt's house. The consensus was no.

Corresponding secretary: Verna Gaskin. She had 4 open class booklets for the fair to give away and she also stated Susan Laitas was in Union Hospital.

Treasurer's report: John Hilderbrand - not present. Larry stated there had been no change in the balance since the board of directors meeting.

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter - not present. Jim Luzar stated that there were badges coming for several individuals who have completed their internship hours or have moved up to another level.

Giving Garden: Phil Small stated that over 400 lbs. of cucumber, yellow squash and zucchini had been picked in the last week and that with all the support the garden was doing and looking great. The garden has a list of 7 soup kitchens to support so far this summer. The Conner Center and St. Benedict's are the two new stops added this year.

Wabash Valley Fair: Bill Hiatt - evening activities this year had been downsized to two activities, a diagnostic session and a tour of the Giving Garden. Bill had received positive comments

about the floriculture garden renovation. Bill passed around a sign up sheet for activity facilitators. Work day scheduled for July 5th, 9:00 AM to noon to make hypertufa rocks. Garden Tour: Saturday, July 23rd, Bill Hiatt - information would be published soon about the 5 gardens and starting location. The tour will start at 1:00pm and end up at Bill's House for a carry-in dinner followed by the July Planning and Scheduling meeting.

Gardens: Roger Tonsfeldt - Roger mentioned the good work that had been done at all the gardens and especially the work that had been done at the butterfly garden by Kathy Hutton and crew. A motion was made and carried to allocate \$100.00 for Kathy to purchase mulch for the butterfly garden.

Hawthorn Park: John Shoemaker, Carol Swearingen. John had almost completed dead heading the roses and stated that they needed sprayed for leaf spot. Carol said she had sprayed weeds, but there were more to attack.

Patriotic Garden: Carol Swearingen - course wood chip mulch had been spread on the walkways between the patriotic garden and butterfly garden. She passed around a sign up sheet for watering at the patriotic garden.

OLD BUSINESS:

Search for Excellence Award: Jim Luzar had received two plaques for the two awards we won and asked where did we want to put them. He would bring them to the meeting next month for all to see.

Jim stated that he had badges for the interns to be given out at the fair.

State Conference: Bill Hiatt gave a quick overview of the recent conference. One idea he brought back was the idea of starting a "rain garden" at the Fairgrounds. The Fair Board of Directors has approved the idea and he said that planning could be started after this years fair. The theme for the conference was "sustainability". Next year the conference will be at Noblesville.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spring Seminar: Teri Boland and Carol Swearingen - The Spring Seminar is scheduled for March 10, 2012, at St. Mary of the Woods. Marty Jones (Wabash Valley Audubon Society) is one of the tentative speakers.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Jim Luzar was recruiting individuals to enroll in the open class at the fair. He stated there were 137 categories including vegetables and flower arrangements. There is no application fee this year.

Fall Intern class starts September 8, Thursday evenings, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn 8:00 pm. **3/4 hour volunteer time for meeting.**

A surprise birthday party for Jim Luzar was after the meeting. All enjoyed cake and ice cream.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: July 9, 6:00 PM. Grand Traverse Pie Company.

Meeting called to order by President Larry Agee at 6:05 pm.

Minutes of June meeting approved.

Recording Secretary: Bob Archer. Nothing to report.
Vice President: Sam Liggett. Stephanie Taylor will be speaking on photographing flowers. No speaker in September as it is our plant and seed exchange.
Corresponding Secretary: Verna. Move Susan Laitas to Honorary Member until such time as she can resume earning Education and Volunteer time.
Treasurer's report: John Hilderbrand. 3 bills turned in. Forms to be put on website.
Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter: Some more hours have been turned in.
Giving Garden: Picked produce is now up to 1,124 lbs.
Wabash Valley Fair: Bill Hiatt: Carissa will be speaking to Little Sprouts on Frogs and toads. Set up will be Sunday, July 10 at 2:00 and tear down will be Sunday, July 17 at 1:00.
Garden Tour: Bill Hiatt: 5 gardens on the tour. Directions and instructions will be sent out.
Gardens: Hawthorn Park: Roses have black spot. John will spray. Mulch has been spread on butterfly garden and 3rd and Maple.
New Business: International Conference, October 11-14, 2011 in Charleston, West Virginia. July 9 deadline for early bird discount price \$250, \$300 after July 9. Several tours available during conference.
Ivy Tech Scholarship Reception: July 26, Tuesday, 2:00 pm, formal invitation not yet received. Any announcement?
Next Board of Directors meeting Aug. 11, 2011 at Grand Traverse Pie Co, 6:00 PM
Next Planning and Scheduling Session: Bill Hiatt's house after Garden Tour on July 23. Everyone come out and enjoy all the gardens and at 6:00 at Bill's for the carry in and tour his awesome garden.
Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

ATTENTION:

Debbie Lazzell needs help in watering the flower beds around the Floriculture Building at the Fairgrounds. If you can help her out please call her at 812-235-0301 or cell phone at 812-223-2662.

A big "thank you" to everyone who volunteered their time to come and help set up on Sunday, July 10; to those who helped with the "Little Sprouts", the make and takes and the Thursday night diagnostic session and also the tear down on Sunday, July 17. Without your help all of the activities would not have been possible. There were at least 15 to 20 children who heard Carissa from Dobb's Park talk about Frogs and toads. Final numbers on the make and take were: painting rocks - 135 (two left), terrariums - 106 (ran out), flower arranging 247 (we ran out of color flowers, only foliage was left) and a whooping 323 stepping stones(we used 15 bags of cement in the first 40 minutes and had to go buy 15 more. We ran out right at 4:00). You muscle guys who worked outside with the concrete did a great job.

Also a thank you to the Master Gardeners who exhibited flowers in the Floriculture Dept. at the Fair. They were: Kathy Hutton, Debi Gansz, Debbie Lazzell, Larry Agee, John Hilderbrand and Beth Keyes. I hope to see more of you exhibiting next year.

