



There was no Board of Directors meeting for December 2021.

The next Planning and Scheduling Meeting is January 18, 2022 at 6:30pm, **Due to the rise in Covid for Vigo County, Tabby will advise us on our meeting.**

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
CHRISTMAS PARTY AND PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2021 6PM COMMUNITY BUILDING

The December Christmas Party and Planning and Scheduling Meeting included a time of a Christmas fellowship and enjoying members' carry-in holiday snacks, including a great variety of food and sweet treats. Games included Christmas trivia, with many people receiving prizes from the games as well as attendance door prizes.

A short meeting followed, including several topics to be discussed to conclude the year and start planning for the new year.

Era announced that she had brought a huge supply of flower bulbs which Rural King had donated for us to distribute as we thought best. Bulbs were designated for our various flower beds and distributed to members for use as they wanted. Era also thanked members for two large tubs of winter clothes which they had donated for children in need.

Ruth and Era thanked the many members who worked so hard on the Christmas in the Park display this year. It was a great display and we received 5th Place, which included an \$800 award.

Ruth announced that committee sign-up sheets were available for members to sign up for committee assignments for the new year. There are many needs and opportunities to serve, and members are encouraged help where they are able.

Ruth presented a “Year-In-Review” Powerpoint of activities from 2021, with pictures and descriptions of the many activities we enjoyed throughout the past year. While there were still some Covid restrictions in place, it was a great year full of beneficial activities.

Tabby announced that the next Purdue Master Gardener Class will be held beginning in late February, 2022. She is confident that the class will be full, with around 15 new interns. In-person classes will be held at the Vigo County Fairgrounds.

I would like to thank all of you for your hard work throughout the year. Your ability to work together and throughout the ever changing covid guidelines does not go without notice. Your gardens throughout the community were beautiful, and your produce helped feed the many in need. I look forward to what 2022 will bring! - Tabby

Ruth introduced the new Board of Directors for 2022 as follows:

President—Era Nichols

Vice-President—Bob Archer

Recording Secretary—Ruth Bohner

Corresponding Secretary—Vicki Cochran

Treasurer—Susie Thompson

Service Coordinator—Ruth Johnson

Directors—Verna Gaskin, Brenda Kirchner, Phil Small

Meeting adjourned with 1.5 hours of volunteer time.

Next Meetings:

Board Meeting, January 6, 2022, 6pm at the Extension Office.

Planning and Scheduling Meeting, January 18, 2022, 6:30pm at the fairgrounds 4H Building.

THE GARDEN GAZETTE

February 2022

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING, January 18,2022 **Virtual meeting 6:30pm**
Next meeting Feb.15th 6:30 Community Bldg.

CALL TO ORDER: President, Era Nichols – 6:30pm

OFFICER REPORTS

President, Era Nichols

Recording Secretary, Ruth Bohner, minutes from last meeting

Vice-President, Bob Archer-no report

Corresponding Secretary, Vicki Cochran-no report

Treasurer, Susie Thompson –

Presented the proposed budget for 2022. There was little change from the 2021 budget and a budget was voted on and passed by the membership.

Susie reminded us that membership dues are due. They can be sent to WVMGA P.O. Box 11532, Terre Haute, IN 47801

Service Coordinator, Ruth Johnson – Helped a couple members file their hours

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Giving Garden, Bob Archer/Phil Small –

Mulberry trees were cut down. Garden volunteers are being recruited from outside of Master Gardeners to learn how to garden and help with care of the giving garden. Era will work with Giving Garden Committee and a Rural King supplier who has offered to donate fruit trees for the garden. A brief discussion followed on what kind of fruit trees require what amount of care and how this offer could be turned into an educational opportunity. Tabby volunteered that she had experience caring for some kinds of fruit trees and would be willing to teach others. We will need to find a fruit tree “champion” to take on properly maintaining the trees for multiple years to make this project a success.

Bed Keepers, Vicki Cochran –nothing to report

Website, Sam Ligget – posting educational Opportunities as he hears of them. Two new Bob Bruner webinars are listed and Tabby will send out information on upcoming ones to our membership.

PURDUE EXTENSION

Tabby Flinn -The Master Gardener training class is slated to begin in Mar.and sill in person. The budget is approved!! Cost is \$163/person. Current members are encouraged to come introduce themselves to the class attendees.

Additional education and volunteer opportunities will be available in the coming months. I'll be sure to email them out.

Allison Finzel and I applied for a Growing Together grant for the Giving Garden. Mini grants are available to Purdue University Extension county offices in partnership with active Master Gardeners. The county-wide mini grants will provide funds for one or multiple local Purdue Extension Master Gardener (EMG) projects aimed at increasing access to fresh fruits and vegetables for families experiencing poverty in Indiana.

OLD BUSINESS

WVMGA t-shirts are available. Coordinate with Susie to pick up orders.

CITP clean up:5 members took down the display, many more helped move the pieces back to the fairgrounds where they currently sit by the Giving Garden,waiting to be returned to the storage trailers.

Elementary After-school Program- more details to follow as they are made known to WVMGA. Tabby will follow up with the schools.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Seminar: There are a number of ways to provide an educational seminar this fall to the public if a committee can be recruited to plan it and carry it forward. A request for Fall Seminar Committee members will be sent out to the membership.

Alumni Master Gardener Status: The category of Master Gardener would include members wanting to maintain their relationship with the organization but who are unable to meet the required volunteer and/or education hours. They could participate in meetings and events and volunteer (or not) as they chose. The membership due structure is still being determined. Other items were already covered in the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check wvmga.org for additional information and announcements!

NEXT MEETINGS

Board of Directors, Purdue Extension Office, February 3, 2022 6pm

Planning and scheduling meeting, **Community Bldg.**, FEB. 15, 6:30pm

Adjourned

Education time 1.00

Submitted by Recording Secretary Ruth Bohner

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING, February,2022 **Virtual meeting 6:30pm**
Next meeting Mar.15th 6:30 Community Bldg.

CALL TO ORDER: President, Era Nichols – virtual not present

OFFICER REPORTS

President, Era Nichols

Recording Secretary, Ruth Bohner, minutes from last meeting

Vice-President, Bob Archer-presided

Corresponding Secretary, Vicki Cochran-no report

Treasurer, Susie Thompson –

Our bank acct. balance was reported. The audit committee of Sam Liggett, Paula Wilson, Mindy Leo completed their audit Feb. 11th all was well. Susie plans to start the tax filings on Thursday.

Susie reminded us that membership dues are due by the end of March. They can be sent to WVMGA P.O. Box 11532, Terre Haute, IN 47801 23 Members have paid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Giving Garden, Bob Archer/Phil Small – Phil Small reported that we would be adding fruit trees to the garden. They will allow for educational opportunities in learning how to trim and care for them as well as fruit to give away. There will be a meeting in March for those wishing to help with the garden this year. Help is needed to begin preparing the garden for the spring season. Let Phil or Bob know if you are interested.

Bed Keepers, Vicki Cochran –nothing to report

Website, Sam Ligget – has put a number of links to webinars on our website which will count for educational hours if members want to watch them.

***PURDUE extension** – Tabby and Allison Finzel put in together for a grant for the giving garden and were selected! The Growing Together Grant utilizes aspects of the garden that are already being done and adds in additional educational programming that Tabby and Allison will provide. The Emerging Master Gardeners class is scheduled to begin in late March. The Area V Garden series starts this week, and Tabby will be presenting Get with the Crowgram again for anyone who missed it, at the Wabash Valley Audubon Society's meeting Wednesday, March 16th, at 6:30pm at the nature center in Dobbs Park.

OLD BUSINESS

Elementary After-school Program- more details to follow as they are made known to WVMGA. Tabby will follow up with the schools.

Rio Grande school garden-Ruth reported that the teachers are moving forward with this project and plan to visit the Giving Garden in March. WVMGA will help as they request. They seem to have things pretty well under control at the moment.

ISU Earth Day table reservation deadline is March 11th. If anyone is interested in setting up a table for WVMGA let the board know.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Ruth Bohner fielded a request for a local source for compost after receiving a request from a local individual. No information was available

NEXT MEETINGS

Board of Directors, Purdue Extension Office, April 7, 2022 Extension Office

Planning and scheduling meeting, **Community Bldg.**, March 15, 6:30pm

Adjourned

Education time 1.00

THE GARDEN GAZETTE

April 2022

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING, March,2022 **Virtual meeting** 6:30pm
Next meeting April ,19, 6:30 4H Building

CALL TO ORDER: President, Era Nichols

OFFICER REPORTS

President, Era Nichols

Recording Secretary, Ruth Bohner, minutes from last meeting

Vice-President, Bob Archer-Educational speaker, Tabby Flinn Honey Bee presentation

Corresponding Secretary, Vicki Cochran-

Treasurer, Susie Thompson –

Our bank acct. balance was reported.

Susie reminded us that membership dues are due by the end of March. They can be sent to WVMGA P.O. Box 11532, Terre Haute, IN 47801 23 Members have paid. **APRIL DUES \$20**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Giving Garden, Bob Archer/Phil Small – Workday was Wednesday,10 AM at the garden ,clean up. Planted trees. Rodger Tonsfield is giving away garden tools, Bob will see if Shannon can use them at Honey Creek School. The Happiness Bag Day Service had 5 individuals participate on March 10th helping to plant fruit trees.

Bed Keepers, Vicki Cochran –Needs volunteers to plant beds in May.

Website, Sam Ligget – has put a number of links to webinars on our website which will count for educational hours if members want to watch them.

Purdue extension

OLD BUSINESS

Elementary After-school Program- more details to follow as they are made known to WVMGA. Tabby will follow up with the schools.

Rio Grande school garden-Ruth reported that the teachers are moving forward with this project and plan to visit the Giving Garden in March. WVMGA will help as they request. They seem to have things pretty well under control at the moment.

ISU Earth Day table reservation deadline is March 11th. If anyone is interested in setting up a table foe WVMGA let the board know.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Seminar-Ruth Bohner will spearhead forming a committee to determine if there is interest among members introducing a public educational seminar and when,where and what type of seminar we can offer.

Vigo Fair-*Board needs Make-in-Take schedule for publishing in their promotional materials*

Herb Faire- *A number of attendees have indicated that they would have plants to donate for sale. Debbie Lazzell has volunteered to head up the project. May 7, 2022*

NEXT MEETINGS

Board of Directors, Purdue Extension Office, April 7, 2022 Extension Office

Planning and scheduling meeting, dg.**4H Bldg.**, April 19, 6:30pm 4H

Adjourned

Education time 1.5

Volunteer time 1

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING, April 19,2022 **Virtual meeting** 6:30pm

Next meeting May 17, 6:30 4H Building

The intern class will join us at our next meeting. Tabby will be teaching their class and it will be a review for us. Please be sure to extend a welcome to all the students.

CALL TO ORDER: President, Era Nichols

OFFICER REPORTS

President, Era Nichols

Recording Secretary, Ruth Bohner, minutes from last meeting

Vice-President, Bob Archer-Educational speaker, Bob Bruner: Invasive Multiflora Rose

Corresponding Secretary, Vicki Cochran-

Treasurer, Susie Thompson –

Our bank acct. balance was reported.

Susie reminded us that membership dues are due \$20 They can be sent to WVMGA P.O. Box 11532, Terre Haute, IN 47801 There are two t-shirts available M and L \$11 each.

Service Coordinator, Ruth Johnson- will help enter hours as needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Giving Garden, Bob Archer/Phil Small – Planting work days will start very soon and the more help the better. Jennifer Berry will coordinate evening and weekend workdays if there is an interest.

Fall Seminar- Date Sat., August 13 at the fairgrounds. The committee is planning to have 3 speakers, plus people demonstrating pertinent topics such as tool prepping for winter, soil testing, bee keeping, and also giving Giving Garden tours, weather permitting. Additional committee members are being sought to help with planning and executing the seminar.

Bed Keepers, Vicki Cochran – Flowers are ready and gardens will be planted this month.

Website, Sam Ligget – has put a number of links to webinars on our website which will count for educational hours if members want to watch them.

Purdue extension: The spring intern class has 7 people and it is going well. They meet Tuesdays from 5-8 pm at Ivy Tech (south Terre Haute). WVMGA members are encouraged to attend a class, introduce themselves to the class and tell them about our WVMGA activities and generally welcome them aboard.

OLD BUSINESS:

Herb Faire: Debbie Lazzell reported there will be many plants promised from various members for sale and asked about getting more tables for the booth. They will be setting up on Friday, May 6 for the sale on Sat. May 7.

Earth Day St. Mary's Cancelled.

Elementary After-school Program-

Rio Grande Elementary School- 4 teachers visited the Giving Garden. They then set up their raised beds with Bob Archer offering advice as needed and were happy to receive a used compost tumbler which Bob delivered. They are limiting the garden workers to 20 kids (had 60 interested) and will expand as they get more experience with handling the garden.

Honey Creek Middle School: Shannon has 12 kids each growing a 6Pk of seeds in the school windows. Some of the plants will go home, some will go into the garden, now that the mother duck and 13 ducklings have been rehomed. The kids enjoyed harvesting cotton seeds from cotton balls and will be trying to grow cotton this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Wabshriverscape.org is asking WVMGA to again plant one of the flower beds at Fairbanks Park. Sharon Polge is heading the effort and needs 6 volunteers to help plant on May 14 starting at 9:00 am. There will be possibly be some planting done May 13th as well. We will need to do garden maintenance throughout the summer. Other organizations include Riverscape, Honey Creek Garden Club, and the Herb Society.

Rural King-is offering local groups a fund raiser opportunity at it's store on weekends. Rural King provides hotdogs and the works which a group can sell while they also meet and greet and/or host an educational demonstration. We could do an "ask the expert" Members voted to take advantage of this opportunity on May 21 from 10-2 pm. Era will pursue.

NEXT MEETINGS

Board of Directors, Purdue Extension Office, May 5, 2022 Extension Office
Planning and scheduling meeting, dg.4H Bldg., May 17, 6:30pm 4H

Adjourned

Ed time 45 minutes

Vol. time 45 minutes

Wabash Valley Master Gardener's Association
Planning and Scheduling Meeting, May 17,
Next Meeting June 21, 6:00 PM UTE shelter Deming Park

The Intern Graduation Picnic to extend a welcome to all of the students from the class of 2020,2021, and the class of 2022. Due to Covid some of the students weren't properly recognized and we want to welcome them all.

Please note: members with names beginning with A thru L should bring sides or salad and those with M thru Z should bring desserts or fruit salads.

Call to Order: President Era Nichols

Officer Reports:

Recording Secretary, Ruth Bohner – Minutes are published

Vice-President, Education speaker, Tabby Flinn, Sowing Seeds for Pollinators

Corresponding Secretary, Vicki Cochran, will make sure people with cell phones get information they can read.

Treasurer, Susie Thompson – WVMGA's bank account balance was reported. Herb Faire netted \$1231 from selling around 600 plants. Leftover plants, 47 went to our gardens and the rest were sold at tonight's meeting.

Service Coordinator, Ruth Johnson – will help members to enter hours if needed. Let her know if you want your paper record back or it will be tossed.

Committee Reports:

Giving Garden – Workdays are Monday and Thursday morning. Evening workdays to be coordinated. Garden is mostly planted, now for weeding...

Flower Beds – Gardens are planted and looking good. 8-10 people helped over the course of two days to install the new Fairbanks Park garden. Its Smiley face theme is sure to be a crowd pleaser.

Fall Seminar – Date is Sat., August 13 at the fairgrounds. We will locate the vendors and demonstrations outside in front of the 4-H building if the weather is good. Speakers will be in the floriculture building. The Committee is working on obtaining speakers, demonstrations and vendors.

Website – Sam Ligget would like educational opportunities forwarded to him so he can post them on our website.

Purdue Extension: The spring intern class of 7 people will take their final test June 21. They have 4 more Tuesdays meetings, 5-8 pm at Ivy Tech (south) in Room W104. WVMGA members are encouraged to attend a class, introduce themselves to the class and tell them about our WVMGA activities and generally welcome them aboard. **Our June S&P Meeting will start at 6:30 pm with a carry-in at Deming Park to celebrate with the class members.**

Old Business:

Herb Faire – Debbie Lazzell and her committee conducted an excellent fundraising event. A GREAT BIG special thank you to Phil Small for donating many, many hours to raising hundreds of plants to sell at the fair!!!! Everyone working together raised a net \$1231 for WVMGA by selling more than 600 plants.

School projects- Honey Creek Middle School – Shannon reported that a new duck is raising her brood in the school courtyard. Once she is done, they will need help in June to get the garden mulched. More info will be forthcoming.

Rural King – WVMGA will participate in this program at a time to be announced in the future.

New Business:

The Extension Office asked for financial help to buy plaques for the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion 4-H winners at the Vigo County fair. They needed 4 sets of plaques sponsored at \$20 each. WVMGA will give the Extension Office \$80 to help with honoring the 4-H winners.

Vol time 45 minutes

Ed time 45 minutes

Garden Gazette August 2022
WVMGA Meeting for Intern Picnic
June 21, 2022
Ute Shelter, 6:00 pm, 2 hours volunteer time
Next meeting August 16th 6:30 Community Bldg, Fairgrounds

Era (president) welcomed the seven new interns. Tabby (Purdue Extension) headed out certificates to all interns. Then a tour of the Patriotic and Butterfly gardens was taken. After dining, a brief business meeting was held.

Susie (treasurer) noted that WVMGA received a thank you card for its gift of \$80 to help make the the 4-H Fair Awards happen. She still has two WVMAG t-shirts for sale.

Vigo County Fair July 9-16, 2022. Debbie Lazzell committee chair. Stay tuned for email announcements. Make and Takes happen on July 12-15, noon set up, time 1-3 pm each day
Tues. – Butterfly Craft
Weds. Flower Planting
Thurs. Flower Arranging
Fri. Stepping Stones

Fall Seminar August Oughtas - You Aren't Done in the Garden Yet! Ruth Bohner Committee chair. Seminar will be at the fairgrounds on August 13, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Schedule has been posted to our website and will be on Facebook. Stay tuned for announcements.

WVMGA maintains seven gardens around town now. The interns were briefly introduced to them. *All gardens are in need of volunteers (old and new) to help maintain them this summer!*
Fairgrounds – Giving Garden, 4-H Building
Fairbanks – First and Oak, RiverSCAPE located under the arches
Third and Maple
Patriotic
Butterfly

Era handed out 10 door prizes, beautiful containers decorating the tables. Meeting adjourned.

Garden Gazette September 2022

WVMGA

Next meeting

Planning and Scheduling Meeting, September 20, 2022

4H Bldg. 6:30 pm,

Call to Order: President Era Nichols

Recording Secretary, Ruth Bohner – Minutes published (and thanked members for collecting almost 200 pounds of bottle caps for a plastic bench)

Treasurer, Susie Thompson – WVMGA’s bank account balance was reported. Fall Seminar netted about \$100 after expenses. Will add a line item to the annual budget of \$500 for seminar expenses.

Service Coordinator, Ruth Johnson – Get your hours to her if needing help

Committee Reports:

Giving Garden, Phil Small – It’s doing very well, production is up compared to last year. We have two new wagons, landscape fabric thanks to Purdue Nutrition Ed Program grant. The new evening work crew is really helping with chores. We’ll be picking tomatoes for processing Monday, August 22 at 8:00 am.

Purdue Extension: Tabby Flinn,

Gave Educational Program on “Edible Landscaping”

Old Business:

Fall Seminar, August Oughtas went well. Had beautiful day and people seemed pleased, speakers, vendors, attendees. Need to increase publicity for next year to get more attendees.

Fair Make and Takes – Debbie Lazzell thanked everyone who helped make it go smoothly. We had 134 butterfly handouts used (plus salt ornaments) Tuesday, 252 plants planted (148 of those by kids) Wednesday, 113 flower arrangements made Thursday, and 196 stepping stones made Friday. The Happiness Bag people really enjoy participating in Make and Takes!

New Business:

Storage Shelter clean up – Trailers need tidying, meet Sunday, August 28 at 1:00 pm.

CITP committee – Meeting Tuesday, August 23 at Ozok Shelter at 3:00 pm to pick theme. Sept. 13 Park Meeting to pick train ride dates.

Butterfly Garden - New interns are taking on the Butterfly Garden as their project. Need some knowledgeable Master Gardeners to help id plants. Please let Era know if you can help.

Other Business:

Shannon Giles announced that **Honey Creek Middle School's** garden has been almost completely mulched and she has food and other plants planted. She needs help with spreading the last bit of mulch, about an hour's worth of work if she gets help. She'll get a date set and announce the time.

Membership drive....Keep talking to people
Announcements:

Next Meetings:

Board of Directors Meeting, Purdue Extension Office Sept.1st @ 6pm

Next Planning and Scheduling meeting Sept. 20th 6:30

Adjourn

Check WVMGA.org for additional information

Proposed Officer Slate for 2023

President **Era Nichols**

Vice President **Beth Lutz**

Treasurer **Susie Thompson**

Recording Secretary **Ruth Bohner**

Corresponding Secretary **Vicki Cochran**

Service Coordinator **Ruth Johnson**

Directors:

Verna Gaskin

Debbie Lazzell

Brenda Kirchner

Election will be at our Planning and Scheduling meeting in October. All members can place their name on the ballot to be considered for any board member position with the exception of director. Two must be former board members. One is open to the membership. To have your name included for any position, contact Mindy Leo at mindyaleo@yahoo.com

Gazette October 2022
Wabash Valley Master Gardeners' Association
Next Meeting is 5PM at Wabashiki FWA October 18, 2022

Call to Order: President Era Nichols

Recording Secretary, Ruth Bohner – Minutes published

Treasurer, Susie Thompson – WVMGA's bank account balance was reported. Rural King Hot Dog Days event raised \$100.

Service Coordinator, Ruth Johnson – Get your hours to her if needing help

Corresponding Secretary, Vicki Cochran- Hopefully everyone is getting the informational E-Mails. Please contact me with questions.

Committee Reports:

Giving Garden, Phil Small – It's doing very well, still have lots of harvesting and cleanup to do. Over 9000 pounds produced so far. We need more boxes for delivering produce. We have \$600 left in our garden grant to spend by Oct. 21. Phil will see to it.

Bed Keepers, Vicki Cochran – things are going ok. Still have leaky faucet the Parks staff needs to fix.

Website, Sam Ligget - some education opportunities are posted.

Facebook Page, Shannon Giles - will post information on as needed.

Purdue Extension: Tabby Flinn,

Gave Educational Program on "What counts for volunteer hours." We will be taking a field trip to Wabashiki FWA Dewey Point Watershed for our next S&P meeting. She also encouraged members to sign up for an Invasive Species 7-week series being put on by several Purdue Educators. We heard about jumping worms invading our area and what we can do to help stop the spread. These worms look sort of like earthworms with a white ring around them and are very lively if disturbed. Brush off soil from shoes and plant roots when moving them around. Mulch may contain the worms. Bare spots on earth in forests are a good indication of their presence – kill them if you find them. They are in the top 1-1/2 inch of soil. Purdue and others are working on a developing a solution for this problem.

Old Business:

CITP Committee, Beth Lutz and intern Linda Miller – Our display title is Woodland Winterland. Dec. 1 is lighting day, Dec. 6 is judging. Train ride days are Dec. 3, 8, 9 and 22. We will need lots of volunteers to help set up and handle the train ride tickets and bring food items for the fund raiser sales. Please start collecting hats and gloves for the kids.

Soil and Water Conservation Days, Phil Small - thanked the volunteers who helped give presentations on plant parts and the vegetables we eat. It was a very successful three days of educating Vigo County public school 5th graders.

New Business:

Storage Shelter clean up – Trailers were cleaned out and many items will be used in our CITP display.

T-Shirts, Paula Wilson – putting together a t-shirt order. She needs 12 shirts to make an order.

Library Learning Days, Sharon Polgy – Sat., Sept. 24, WBMGA will be making grass heads with the kids attending this event. Volunteers and supplies are at hand.

Bulbs in the Classroom, Ruth Bohner – flyers were handed out at the Soil and Water Conservation Days to 5th grade teachers and requests for grow kits are starting to come in. She will send out a request for volunteers as this program gears up. We have about 25 teachers already signed up and expect the number to increase from last year's 108 teachers.

Officer Elections for 2023, Mindy Leo published the officer slate. You can still give your name as a candidate to Mindy so she can add it to the list before the next meeting when we elect officers.

President – Era Nichols

Vice Pres. – Beth Lutz

Treasurer – Susie Thompson

Recording Sec. – Ruth Bohner

Corresponding Sec. – Vicki Cochran

Service Coordinator – Ruth Johnson

Directors: Verna Gaskin, Debbie Lazell, Brenda Kirchner

Other Business:

Shannon Giles announced that **Honey Creek Middle School's** garden club has 15 students. She will be putting out a request for bulbs and plant starts as WVMGA members begin their fall dividing, etc.

Membership drive....Keep talking to people

Announcements:

Era Nichols reported that Rural King will again be doing the kindergarten "Let's Get Dirty" fieldtrips come spring. Save the dates of April 9 and 10 from 9-10 am and 1-2 pm.

Next Meetings:

Board of Directors Meeting, Purdue Extension Office Oct. 4

@ 6pm **Cancelled**

Next Planning and Scheduling meeting Field trip at Wabashiki FWA.

5PM

This will also include our election of officers for 2023.

Sept. 20 P & S meeting 4H bldg. Ed. 30 minutes Vol. Hrs, 1 hr. 15 min.

Garden Gazette October 2022

WVMGA

Next meeting

Planning and Scheduling Meeting, November 15, 2022

4H Bldg. 6:30 pm,

Call to Order: President Era Nichols

Vice President, Bob Archer, Absent due to illness

Treasurer, Not present

Service Coordinator, Ruth Johnson – Get your hours to her if needing help

Corresponding Secretary, Vicki Cochran, No Report

Recording Secretary, Ruth Bohner, No report

Committee Reports:

Giving Garden, Phil Small – Not present , report given by Mindy Leo, We gave away over 10,000 lbs. of produce 2022.

Bed Keepers, Vicki Cochran, Plants are being ordered for 2022.

Old Business:

Christmas in the Park, , 2 cookies per bag for train ride fund raiser. 50 cents per bag. Collecting, hats,gloves to be given at train rides.

Bulbs in the Classroom – Ruth Bohner, About 130 teachers signed up for bulbs. Help needed to deliver bulbs.

T-Shirts, Paula Wilson, ordered new shirts and will announce when they arrive.

Officer elections for 2023, The officer slate was voted in.

There were no write ins,

President: Era Nichols

Vice Pres,: Beth Lutz

Treasurer: Susie Thompson

Recording Sec.: Ruth Bohner

Corresponding Sec.: Vicki Cochran

Service Coordinator: Ruth Johnson

Directors: Verna Gaskin, Debbie Lazell, Brenda Kirchner

New Business:

Butterfly Garden – Jennifer Berry has volunteered to oversee this garden. 2022 interns will help. She will call work days,planting days, watering days and clean up times. Please support her.

Membership drive....Keep talking to people

Announcements:

New badges will be passed out at the Nov. 15th meeting.

Volunteer time for October meeting 1.5 hours.

Bob Bruners youtube videos are still available if you need to complete your education hours. Check our web site.

Next Meetings:

Board of Directors Meeting, Purdue Extension Office Nov. 3rd 6 PM

Planning and Scheduling meeting Nov. 15th 4H bldg., VC Fairgrounds

Adjourn

Check WVMGA.org for additional information

December 2022 Gazette
Wabash Valley Master Gardeners' Association
Next P & S meeting, Wednesday December 7, 2022
Banquet Center Bldg. 6:00 pm

Call to Order: President Era Nichols

Recording Secretary, The Gazette was corrected to reflect that the date was Nov., not Oct.

Treasurer, Susie Thompson – WVMGA's bank account balance was reported. She made two \$500 scholarship donations to Ivy Tech.

Service Coordinator, Ruth Johnson – Get your hours in before the year ends.

Committee Reports:

Giving Garden, Phil Small – Gave over 10,000 pounds of produce this year. Soon to be planting seeds in the Ivy Tech Greenhouse in Jan. Volunteers are needed to help with getting the seeds planted and young plants watered during the winter months.

Bed Keepers, Vicki Cochran – Plants are ordered for the spring of 2023. The budget was given to the Parks Department. We still need another person for the Butterfly Garden to co-chair with Jen.

Website, Sam Ligget – There are no new educational sites listed (please let Sam know if you see good ones). He is updating the list of 2023 board members.

Old Business:

CITP, Linda Miller – Sat. Nov. 19 at 1 pm meeting at the fairgrounds to move the building parts of the display to our shelter. We were reminded that we have train ride days of Dec. 3, 8, 9 and 22. We will need lots of volunteers to help set up and handle the train ride tickets and bring food items for the fund raiser sales. Please continue collecting hats and gloves for the kids. We also have need for red or white outdoor lights and need to find and/or replace the lost or misplaced outdoor electrical cords for our display.

T-Shirts, Paula Wilson – The shirts have been ordered; will be ready soon.

New Business:

Sign-up Sheets for 2023 Committees, Vicki – Please sign up for committees you are interested in serving on in 2023. We will need a new chairperson for the Herb Faire Committee and possibly the Earth Day Committee.

Intern Class Financials – members discussed ways to help offset the rising costs of taking the Master Gardener Intern classes.

Other Business:

New membership badges that were earned this year were handed out.
Membership drive....Keep talking to people and promoting WVMGA!

Next Meetings:

Board of Directors Meeting, Purdue Extension Office Jan. 5, 2023 at 6 pm
Next Planning and Scheduling meeting Fairgrounds Banquet Center at 6:00 pm Christmas Carry_In your favorite snack. Drinks provided.

Note: This is the last meeting of 2022. All hours should be updated by the end of the year.

To locate The Banquet Center, take the first left after entering the fairgrounds, Follow that road and the bldg. will be on your left.

Train ride dates at Deming Park

Dec. 3rd

Dec. 8th

Dec. 9th

Dec 22nd

Set up each day begins at 5:30.