April 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Terry called the meeting to order and introduced our guests.

Connie gave the Treasurer’s report – there is a balance of $4364.36. Ken made a motion to accept the report and Natasha seconded.

The Secretary’s report was distributed. Chris made a motion to accept and Corey seconded.

Karin reported on the bus trip to the Hosta Farm in Milton and Rotary Gardens in Janesville. The trip will be July 6 and will cost $40.00 – lunch at Culvers at your own expense.

The convention showed a profit of $47.00 – Vesperman Farms donated the facility. Terry suggested that if we continue to hold the convention there that we should donate $200.00 to them. Ken made a motion to do so and Corey seconded. Terry asked us to think about having a convention next year – do we want to continue having them? If so, a date needs to be established very soon. She will follow up at our next meeting.

Wendy reported that the Platteville Project has been delayed.

Karin will be making presentations with Kerry on 4-26 at Platteville on container gardening. Also on 4-27 with Melanie at Mound City Bank.

Connie requested an update on the golf course project from last year. Corey reported that they are interested in expanding the project to add more landscaping this year. Corey is encouraging them to commit with additional funds.

Corey also reported that the hospital has requested a workshop on salsa gardening for Hospital Week in May. The date would be either May 8 or 10th and more helpers would be required. Terry will put in newsletter.

Terry reported that there is a new nursery Aspen Ridge in Mineral Point. They have 5 acres of plants and trees and will be having a sale on April 28-29.

Marilyn has submitted a grant request for a summer school project. This would be for 6 raised beds and would include rebuilding the soil and for weed barriers along with seeds. Corey made a motion to accept and Shirley seconded.

There was a discussion on Story Walk Books which is sponsored by local libraries. Terry suggested that we might want to donate books based on gardening for this project. She will look into the cost and report back to members.

We have received a banquet invitation for May 8th which is the scholarship acknowledgement. Terry asked if anyone would want to attend to let her know.

Terry received a request from Iowa County Farm Show organizers – they are looking for someone that can show how to ferment. Corey said that he knew of someone – will give Terry information.

Plant sale was discussed – signs, posters, and labels were distributed. Wendy passed around the job sign up sheet. The road signs should be placed by May 1st and taken down right after plant sale.