

GRANT COUNTY MGV MEETING MINUTES 4-18-2019

Attendance: 19 members, 1 guest, 1 speaker.

Hours: 1¼ hours continuing education; 1¼ hours support volunteer hours.

Guest Speaker: Jason Funkhouser of Darlington, who grows specialty cut flowers and works as a floral designer.

Snacks and refreshments: Jean Hopkins and Connie Landon. There were no volunteers for our June meeting, which will be held at the DBQ Arboretum @ 6:30 PM on Thursday, June 20th.

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm by President Terry Wood. The attendance sheet was passed around by Secretary Connie Landon for signatures. The March meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Ken and second by Shirley. Connie Larson passed out the treasurer's report, explained it, and answered questions about the spring conference income and expenses. Terry suggested putting the profit from this year's spring conference into a separate account to help with next year's conference expenses. A suggestion was made to put half of it into the special account. After much discussion pro and con, Chris Carl moved and seconded by Marilyn to put the entire amount of \$702.98 into a special fund to be used for the 2020 spring conference. Our current checking account balance as of 4-18-2019 is \$3,451.76.

Old Business:

1. Karen discussed the proposed library project with seven libraries in Grant County. This involves monthly gardening discussion groups at each of these libraries once a month from May through September. These discussion groups would be led by a Master Gardener from various parts of the county. A sign-up sheet was passed around for participants. Each Master Gardener would choose his or her topic for each month, and this project will hopefully involve Master Gardeners from different parts of the county. The librarian will take care of surveying each library group.
2. Connie Landon gave a report on the 3-23-2019 spring conference held again at Vesperman Farms. Committee members included Karin, Shirley, Connie Larson, Jean, and Connie Landon. We had an attendance of 92 people, including 29 that paid at the door and 31 who attended for the first time. A date of March 21, 2020, has already been set due to Vesperman Farms 2020 schedule filling up fast.
3. Terry discussed the update on the native garden around the sign in front of the Youth & Ag Building. Per her discussion with Amy Olson, the native garden will be torn out, and we were asked to provide flowers in two big planters in front of the Crops Building.
4. Judy Vesperman reported on the annual bus trip on June 22nd to Milwaukee. Sheets with registration forms were handed out.

New Business: Wendy discussed the upcoming plant sale to be held on May 11th. Fliers, bookmarks, and plant labels were passed out. The sign-up sheet was reviewed, and any questions were answered. Plants can be delivered to the Crops Building from 3 to 7 pm on Friday, the 10th.

The meeting ended at 9:05 pm with motion by Ken and second by Jean.

Connie Landon, Secretary