

GCMGV MEETING MINUTES 3-14-2019

Attendance: 11 members present, 1 guest, and the speaker.

1½ hours of continuing education and 1 hour of support volunteer hours.

Guest Speaker: Brian Hudelson, Director of the Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic @ UW-Madison. He spoke from 6:30 until 8:15 p.m.

Snacks and refreshments were then served by Terry and Wendy. They will be provided by Connie Landon and Jean Hopkins at the April meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Wood at 8:30 pm.

Treasurer Connie Larson gave her report, and stated as of 3-14-19 we have a bank balance of \$4395.20. Motion by Corey and seconded by Marilyn to approve the treasurer's report.

Secretary Connie Landon took roll call and then read the minutes from last month's meeting. Motion by Ken, seconded by Nancy M. to approve the minutes.

Old Business:

1. Corey presented samples of various stencil designs to be used for our MGCV signs that will be displayed throughout the county with our various projects. We voted on the preferred one, and Corey will give that to the maker of the signs.
2. Karin gave an update on the progress of the preparations for the spring conference to be held on Saturday, March 23. As of tonight, there are 66 people registered to attend with 12 door prizes to be given away. Each person with a display table will be donating a door prize. Jean and Karin recorded a radio spot with WGLR that will be aired @ 12:30 on Friday, March 15. There will be a photographer present, fellow member Doreen, to take pictures throughout the morning. There will be a greeter to greet guests as they enter and to show them where to sign in. Amanda Cauffman will introduce the speakers. At our April meeting we will discuss the conference further.

New Business:

1. Member Marjie Bennett has requested to host a native prairie wildlife walk on her farm on Sunday, July 14, 2019 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. She is not requesting any funds to support this project. Connie Larson moved to approve the project and send it on to Amanda; Corey seconded the motion.
2. A request for project funding was made by Marilyn for the Highland school gardening project that her daughter, who is a teacher, provides for her students. She is requesting \$150 for gardening materials. Wendy moved to accept and Ken seconded the motion.
3. Terry reported that she received a request tonight (3-14-19) from Josh Kamps, Ag Agent at LaFayette County, for a Master Gardener to speak at a meeting of his on this coming Monday night, 3-18-19. Terry said that she gave him information on Master Gardeners in his county to contact.
4. Marilyn discussed a request she had been approached about for a Master Gardener to speak in May at Park Place in Platteville for the "Young at Heart" group. Terry volunteered to take care of the request.
5. Discussion was held about a possible project suggested by Karin involving Master Gardeners holding discussion groups about gardening once a month during the summer months at various libraries in the area. Karin learned about this project through WIMGA, and thought we could possibly try it in our county. We briefly discussed some of the advantages such as more of our members getting involved with needed volunteer hours, the educational benefits to each community, and the possibility of attracting new members. Karin will research this project further and report back to the group.

At about 9:20 pm Corey mentioned that the GRHC cleaning staff needed to clean our meeting room before they left for the night. The meeting was then quickly adjourned at about 9:25. Motion made by Ken and seconded by Shirley to adjourn for the evening.

Connie Landon, Secretary