

Master Gardener Volunteers Monthly Meeting - September 20, 2018

Speaker: Chris Underwood, UWP professor - topic of "Trees and Climate Change". He gave an interesting presentation from 6:30 to 7:40 pm.

Refreshments and snacks were then provided by Nancy Ashmore.

Meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by Wendy Johnson in the absence of President Terry Wood. Connie Landon volunteered to take minutes in the absence of Secretary Karen Mahoney.

Treasurer's report sheets were passed out and explained by Treasurer Connie Larson. Our account has a balance of \$4,461.80 with expenditures of \$569.79. Mention was made that four public libraries were paid \$30 each for the Storywalk Projects. They include Livingston, Montfort, Hazel Green, and Fennimore public libraries. Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Chris C., second by Natasha, and motion approved.

The minutes from last month were passed out and read.

Old Business:

1. Cory explained that the font chosen at last month's meeting to be used for the MGV project signs cannot be used because of the fancier shape of the letters. He explained the type needed, and the correct one will be decided on.
2. Carly inquired how long the Storywalk Projects will be available in case other libraries are interested. It was discussed that no definite deadline had been set.

New Business:

1. Corey discussed the request from the Foundation Director at Grant Regional Health Center in Lancaster for help with planting flowers twice a year in their Healing Garden. Three large planters were donated, and the Foundation will pay for the soil. We would buy the plants and plant them in the spring and fall. Corey has already purchased \$42 worth of plants for this fall's planting. We agreed that this would be a worthwhile project for us to participate in, and it appears that it was already approved to proceed with.
2. Wendy discussed the project request from the Platteville Mining Museum. More discussion is needed with the people at the museum, and Karin gave Wendy a couple more names of people she should talk to. Mention was also made that the Platteville Girl Scouts could possibly help with the planting.
3. Karin reported on her and Terry's MGV booth at the Platteville Farmers Market a couple of weeks ago. She said the children's cut-out picture display was a big success, and that free seeds were available also. They are looking at possibly having a booth next summer twice, maybe during June and August.

4. Karin also discussed the green gardening aprons and polo shirts available from the Crawford County Master Gardeners. Carly modeled her apron for us, and the group decided to buy six aprons for our members' use @ \$14 each. Motion made by Melody, seconded by Corey, and approved. We can individually purchase the aprons from the order form that will be on our club website.
5. Corey discussed the options for our club members to order new T-shirts. We decided to use the same design, but to change the color to military green with bone colored lettering. Several members inquired about still getting brown ones, and Corey will look into that. Both long and short sleeve T-shirts are available, and the prices are still very reasonable for these excellent quality shirts. This was approved by group consent. The order form will be sent to Terry, and she will email it to all members. We can also order them on our website. It was also mentioned that individual apron orders can be sent in with our yearly dues and hour sheets.
6. Karen reminded us that we can submit suggestions for speakers to the WIMGA website. Also we were reminded that our yearly dues of \$10 and hour sheet for the year are due to Terry by October 1st. An envelope was passed around for the dues and hour sheets.
7. Wendy discussed that we need to name a new secretary in November because Karen M. is moving from the area. She also said that we need to fill the president-elect position for 2019.
8. Discussion was held about saving seeds to give away at our conference in March of 2019. Mention was made of having uniform packets or containers for the seeds. Melody made the motion to accept, Natasha seconded it, and motion carried.
9. Karin showed us the large advertisement in the *Telegraph Herald* that the Dubuque Master Gardeners ran for their upcoming fall conference. It was a very nice ad, and it was suggested that maybe we can do something like that for our spring conference in March.
10. Discussion was presented by Melody and Corey that our theme at the fair this year was well received. They had thoughts on what to possibly do for next year dealing with medicinal or healing plants, plants used for cooking, and ones used by Native Americans years ago. Overall everyone present thought it sounded like an interesting idea for next year's fair.

Our meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.; Ken made the motion, Nancy seconded it, and motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Connie Landon