

MGV Meeting March 15, 2018

Minutes from February meeting approved after amending Cassville "Riverettes".

Treasurer report: \$4331.90 balance, Connie continuing to collect registrations for Conference in April

Old Business:

April Conference update: Planning for about 40 attendees, that is the break even number. Advertising on Facebook, Website, Online Calendars, Newspapers, posters and other MGV groups. Help needed at Registration table, Nancy and Jean volunteered. Table displays can be set up 4-6pm that Friday night.

Chris Swan was going to work with Head Start Program on a Food Activity Program, but the Grant is asking for raised beds now instead of pots so not sure where this will go now.

Hort. Therapy Workshop has 10 registered as of now, 20 is min. number. Haven't advertised much yet, will pursue this after April Conference is over. Mike Maddux provides supplies.

April 26 presentation at Mound City bank is Container gardening.

Chris Carl is in touch with Lancaster Comm. Garden project. They are offering Master gardeners free plots there to fill up the space. 6 open raised beds which Chris planted cover crop in. Maybe MGVs could plant produce to be used for future projects? Will inquire about deadline to take spaces.

Volunteers needed for Planning Comm. Wendy volunteered. There is a list of great speakers from MGV Level 1 Training for ideas.

A Planning Worksheet for Plant Sale donations was handed out and will be put on the website along with sample plant labels. Just a guideline to use when prepping donations. There will be no Garage Sale area or black tubs and buckets at the sale this year. A Facebook boost will be used for additional advertising.

Karin will be reworking Home page of the website. The monthly GCMGV newsletter won't be coming in email from Ext. office anymore, it will be on the website. A reminder email will be sent each month to membership with link to website.

Bus Trip is tentatively being planned for Janesville area. A date of July 6 is being considered due to availability at the Hosta nursery that could be put on the itinerary. Please let Terry know if you would consider going on that date.

State Master Gardener Conference brochures and nametags for new members were handed out.

New Business:

Grant Regional Health Center is planning a Wellness Fair, possibly end of July, and asked if MGVs would like to be involved either by bringing in produce to use for topics, doing a breakout session or a booth. Need to know by first part of July what we will help with.

Next GCMGV Meeting is April 19 with Corey presenting on Exercise for Home gardeners. Will meet at the Education Center at Grant Region Health Center instead of Youth and Ag building. Plant sale posters

and road signs will also be handed out. Any packaging of bulbs can be done as well, as we will have many helpers that night.

Wendy is giving a presentation at Park Place Apartments on April 18 on New Annuals and container planting.

Nancy A. is buying a biological control agent for Coddling Moth for fruit trees and anyone who would like to go in on purchase is welcome, as it is expensive and only very little is needed.

Karin P. has made Mason Bee Kits to hand out at the April Conference. She also attended a Conference in Lacrosse recently and passed around resource material to browse about saving Monarchs.

Stickers for name badges of recertified members were handed out for 2018. These will replace cards.