GCMGV Monthly Meeting 6-20-2019

Location: DBQ Arboretum – a guided tour of the conifer collection and then a self-guided tour of gardens, then monthly meeting held in the Garden Room.

Attendance: 12 members, 2 guests - including Amanda Cauffman.

Hours: 1 hour continuing education; 1 hour support volunteer hour (meeting).

Refreshments for Next Month: Joanne Reynolds and Melody Bahr. Strawberry shortcake was served by Wendy at this meeting.

Meeting called to order by Vice-President Wendy Johnson. Verbal roll call by Secretary Connie Landon. Copies of last month’s minutes distributed to members. Karin moved to approve; Ken seconded, motion carried. Treasurer Connie Larson distributed and explained Treasurer’s report. Current balance of $4,345.14. Corey moved to approve, Nancy seconded, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Plant Sale: We cleared approximately $1705.00. Wendy felt this was good considering we had less plants

than previous years. She suggested moving closing time to 10:30 am instead of 11:00. Recommended we all try to wear our MGV shirts and name tags for the plant sale. Need more members to donate plants. Doreen has plants to donate, but needs help digging and identifying. Jumping worms are spreading and need to be watched for. Will reconsider selling used gardening items next year.

1. Bus trip to Milwaukee had to be cancelled due to not enough interest. Did we do enough advertising? Was having it on a Saturday a negative factor? Voted to send a donation to the South Milwaukee Historical Society as our expected visit was part of a fundraiser for them. Nancy made motion, Melody seconded, motion approved to donate $75.
2. Signage for MGV gardens: Wendy had checked online and found it to be expensive; $27 per aluminum sign. Amanda suggested corrugated signs that are cheaper. Corey will check with Wolf Printing in Lancaster. Amanda said that we need to wait for the new State logo and design before we order.

New Business:

1. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: It was decided that we will e-mail minutes to our members that have e-mail and pass out copies at each meeting for those that need to reread them while we are eating our snacks before the actual meeting to save time.
2. July 18th Garden Tours: Corey reported on the different homes where the garden tours will be held: Geri Bryhan, Patti Obma, Delores Dahlgren, and Corey Weydert’s. Start time at 6:00 pm at Geri Bryhan’s, ending at Corey’s with refreshments and monthly meeting. Addresses of the homes on the tour will be e-mailed to members and will be on our website.
3. July 14th Prairie Garden Tour at Marjie Bennett’s: Will be held on Sunday, July 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Rain date is July 28th. Her address is on our website.
4. Amanda mentioned that they are short staffed at this time at the Extension Office. If anyone needs a large number of copies made, please let them know a week in advance.
5. Melody stated that our fair booth this year will be about herbs and other healing plants. She would like each member to write up a short paragraph on a plant (or plants) that were historically used to treat different ailments. She will then compile this information for a display at our fair booth.

At 8:30 pm Nancy M. moved to adjourn the meeting, Nancy A. seconded, motion approved to adjourn.

Connie Landon, Secretary