



Master Gardener Foundation of Kitsap County

*Promoting long term environmental health
through sound and sustainable horticultural practices*

*The purposes of this non-profit Foundation are solely educational
and charitable to enhance and supplement the effort of the WSU
Master Gardener Program and thereby provide education and
information to the citizens of Kitsap County.*

Call to order

President, Becky Croston called the regular monthly Master Gardener Foundation board meeting to order at 1:05 PM on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at the Meadowdale Fire Station, Bremerton, WA.

Board members in attendance were: Becky Croston, President, Roland Malan, Vice President, Fred Abrahamson, Treasurer, Arlene West, Secretary. Members at Large: Martha Alexander, Jim Rodman and Mary-Cathern Edwards, and WSU Kitsap Extension Horticulture Director, Peg Tillery.

Members in attendance were:

Ray and Sharron Etheredge, Julie Rhee and Donna Hamilton

Reports and Announcements

Secretary's Report:

Martha Alexander moved that the minutes of the July 7th meeting be accepted as written. The motion was seconded by Jim Rodman. Motion Carried.

Note: Martha Alexander will be excused for the month of September but will return for the October meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Fred Abrahamson

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Treasurers Report

Provided by Fred Abrahamson, Treasurer

Through 7/31/2010:

1. The checking balance \$2,103.81

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2. The savings balance is \$500.49
3. The Money Market balance at Kitsap Credit Union is \$11,327.59
4. The combined CD balance is \$33,290.02
5. Our overall cash resource is \$47,221.91

Breakdown of CD's

- Kitsap Bank (131) 7/7/10 = \$0 cashed
- Kitsap Bank (136) 9/14/10 = \$8,230.43
- Kitsap Credit Union (70) 2/12/12 \$5,034.09 1.8% interest
- Kitsap Credit Union (71) 4/7/11 \$10,025.50 1.3% interest
- Kitsap Credit Union (72) 7/6/13 \$10,000.00 1.5% interest

Budget vs. Actual 7/31/2010

Through July, we have an income of \$16,359.05 and expense of \$9,712.33 for a positive \$6,646.72.

Notes & Comments:

The Poulsbo Kiwanis Club donated \$100 to Raab Park

At the half way point in our fiscal year we show the following: These comparisons are based upon the full 12 months of budget.

Income = Actual \$16,359.05 versus Budgeted = \$14,035.07 difference \$2,323.98

Expenses = Actual \$9,712.33 versus Budgeted = \$23,750.06 difference \$14,037.73

Based upon the budgeted income for the last six month of the year we should anticipate \$180 additional income.

Based upon budgeted expenses for the last six months of the year we should anticipate \$5,140 additional expenses.

Projected balance at December 31, 2010 is a positive \$1,686.72

Income for last six months \$6,646.72 + \$180 = \$6,826.72

Expenses for last six months \$5,140

Note: The additional income projection is based on interest from CD's and savings.

Martha Alexander moved that the Treasurers Report be accepted as written. Jim Rodman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Horticulture Report: Peg Tillery

No written report.

The Non-Profit Center magazine provides tips and ideas for a board on fundraising and running a meeting. The cost of a subscription is \$100 per year and might be beneficial to the foundation to subscribe.

Peg and Dory visited Anna Smith Garden today. Problems with a water leak will be handled quickly by Dory.

Arno Bergstrom will attend one of our fall board meetings to discuss future planning.

Raab Park had all their picnic tables stolen from the park. Three were required for the Master Gardener children's program and needed to be replaced quickly. Two of the tables were replaced at a cost of \$390 from Costco. The Foundation reimbursed the person who purchased the tables.

Discussion:

A lengthy discussion on budgeting for the gardens and how those budgets are developed followed the scenario above. This subject should be put on the agenda for the new board this fall. Fred offered to provide each garden with the expenses / budget information for the past two years so they can create a budget more effectively. A supplemental request should always be submitted to the board in the event a garden cannot stay within budget.

3rd Wednesday Seminars: Sharron Etheredge

The Salvia seminar was great and thirty five people attended. The attendees enjoyed the raffle at the end of the presentations. Sharron finds creative items related to the speakers topic for the raffle. In addition, she compiles a wonderful thank you gift for the speaker at a low cost to the foundation. She has done a fabulous job!

Next year Sharron, Ray, and M.J. Tyler will be unable to coordinate the Speakers Series and we are looking for volunteers for that responsibility.

Garden Tours: Marialis Juges and Joyia Rubens

On Friday, July 23 we had 17 people that went to Sue Goetz', The Creative Gardener, in Gig Harbor. It was fun to see what she has done with her yard, garden, and lavender. She had lots of information, and was a gracious hostess..... After lunch on her lawn, some of us stopped at nurseries on the way home. Rosedale Garden and Nursery was especially nice for those of us who had never been there. And Yang's (a friend of Julie Rhee is owner) had 400 varieties of Japanese maple.

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There is no trip planned for August, so next will be an out of town trip to the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden and the WSU Field Trial Fruit Orchard in Mt Vernon set for Sept 10. Joyia

State Foundation Conference Raffle: Roland Malan

Roland reported that there was an Executive Board Meeting on July 22nd. A strategic plan was developed to include fundraising information, goals and objectives. The next board meeting will be held on August 22nd in North Bend. There are about 26 people on the board from different counties. Roland would like to continue to be a part of the State Foundation in the future.

Unfinished Business:

Audit Committee: Martha Alexander

It was again reaffirmed that the audits take place in the first quarter after the year end as discussed last month.

Nominations: Jim Rodman, Julie Rhee, Judith Martin and Monica Goldsberry

The nominating committee did a wonderful job getting nominees for the board. Thank you for a big job well done.

New Business:

Changes to “Committee Policy” and Membership Policy due to Bylaws changes

Martha Alexander moved and Fred Abrahamson seconded that the wording of the “Committee Policy” be changed per Jim Rodman’s re-write noted in red of Becky’s revision. Motion Carried.

Membership Policy:

Roland Malan moved and Martha Alexander seconded the motion that the Membership Policy be accepted as corrected by Becky. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM

Envelope Stuffing:

Donna Hamilton, Jim Rodman, Julie Rhee, Becky Croston, Martha Alexander and Arlene West stayed and got all ballots /envelopes ready to mail.

Mission accomplished by 3:17 PM and in the mail before 4:00.

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