



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.*

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Minutes for Wednesday, July 7, 2010

Call to order

President, Becky Croston called the regular monthly Master Gardener Foundation board meeting to order at 1:05 PM on Wednesday, July 7, 2010, at the Meadowdale Fire Station, Bremerton, WA. The count of ballots for the bylaw changes began at 1:00 PM.

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 and Joyia Rubens.

Reports and Announcements

Secretary's Report:

Martha Alexander moved that the minutes of the May 5th meeting be accepted as written. The motion was seconded by Jim Rodman. Motion Carried.

Martha Alexander moved that the minutes of the June 2nd board meeting be accepted as written. The motion was seconded by Jim Rodman. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report – Fred Abrahamson

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Treasurers Report

Provided by Fred Abrahamson, Treasurer

Through 6/30/2010:

1. The checking balance \$1,756.01
2. The savings balance is \$500.41
3. The Money Market balance at Kitsap Credit Union is \$20,260.43
4. The combined CD balance is \$25,838.26

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Our overall cash resource is \$48,355.11

Breakdown of CD's

Kitsap Bank (131) 7/7/10 = **\$2,564.63 Cashed July 7, 2010. Board to determine length and amount of new CD**

Kitsap Bank (136) 9/14/10 = \$8,207.85

Kitsap Credit Union (70) 2/12/12 \$5,019.10

Kitsap Credit Union (71) 4/7/11 \$10,007.19

Budget vs. Actual 6/30/2010

Through June, we have an income of \$16,196.12 and expense of \$8,685.56 for a positive \$7,510.56.

Notes & Comments:

We are doing pretty well so far this year. During our budget building in December 2009/January 2010 we predicted that our income through June would be \$13,779 instead it is \$16,196 for a positive \$2,417. Our projected expenses for the same six months was \$17,450 compared to actual of \$8,686.

Major areas of income above projected include:

Calendar = \$2,249

Interest/CDs/Savings = \$73

Donations = \$1,400

Major areas of under spending include:

Plant Sale = \$1,330

Gardens = \$3,775

Motion:

Fred Abrahamson moved that we purchase a \$10,000 CD for 24 months unless the 36 month earns a higher rate (at least .4% higher) in which case a 36 month CD would be purchased. Martha Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Horticulture Report: Peg Tillery

No written report.

Shannon Harkness is new in the Extension office and will be teaching classes on Food Preservation in the future.

The Native Plant class begins Friday, July 9th and will run through August 13th.

Next year funding for the extension will be cut 8-10%

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Garden Tours: Joyia Rubens

Joyia reported on the successful garden tours. June 18th there was a tour of Jean Simmons garden in Indianola featuring many unusual plants and garden art. Next was a tour of Tory Galloway's garden featuring drought tolerant plants. In between the garden tours Faye Linger invited everyone to enjoy their sack lunch in her garden.

The next garden tour will be on July 23rd at the home of Susan Goetz, author of "The Creative Garden." Her home is in Gig Harbor and we will be enjoying lunch on her lawn.

Joyia may be willing to continue coordinating garden tours again next year.

3rd Wednesday Seminars: Sharron Etheredge

The next seminar is on Wednesday, July 21st on Salvia's and Hummingbirds taught by Kay Kauffman. Sharron will be purchasing some salvia's for door prizes. The seminars have been very informative and successful this year.

Unfinished Business:

Kingston Crossing Massage Fundraiser: Roland Malan

After discussion the consensus of the board was that this type of fundraiser would not work at this time.

State Foundation Conference Raffle: Roland Malan

Martha will coordinate the items donated for the raffle. Mary-Cathern will contact West Sound Home and Garden editor Dee about donating several issues of the magazine for the basket.

New Business:

Audit Committee: Martha Alexander

Discussion: The audit team will audit all of 2009 books. The time frame will be from January through December instead of October through October. The audit will be completed within 2-3 months following the end of the calendar year. IRS reports are always due in May which gives plenty of time for preparation following the audit.

Election of Officers:

Discussion: It was suggested that we use US mail for the ballots instead of email.

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Motion: Martha Alexander moved that we send out paper ballots by US mail. Becky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Assignments for the election of officers:

312 Envelopes: Arlene West will purchase 208 regular #10 Legal Envelopes and 104 standard envelopes. (104 Mailing, 104 Return, 104 Security Envelope)

725 Labels: Peg will secure labels for the envelopes.

208 Stamps: Fred Abrahamson

Ballots: Jim Rodman will complete for printing

Membership list to Extension: Mary-Cathern Edwards

Votes on Bylaw Changes: Ray Etheredge

There were 24 ballots returned. All Bylaw changes were approved by a quorum of the membership.

Future Location of Board Meetings and Seminars: Becky Croston

Becky spent time working with the Parks Department and has negotiated the use of the Eagles Nest for Board Meetings and Seminars beginning in September at no cost to the Foundation. Becky also mentioned the possibility of the use of the Pavilion for the Plant Sale next year. Good job Becky.

Greenhouse Use: Mary-Cathern Edwards

Greenhouse use was discussed. Mary-Cathern discussed a partnership with Helpline in starting plants in their greenhouse for the Olalla Garden. In exchange for the use they get back for produce at maturity for the food bank. Other greenhouse space and usage was discussed and will be addressed at a later date.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM