

Master Gardener Foundation Minutes

Arlene West

March 3, 2010



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, March 3, 2009

Call to order

President, Becky Croston called the regular monthly Master Gardener Foundation board meeting to order at 1:10 PM on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at the Meadowdale Fire Station, Bremerton, WA. Guests were welcomed to the meeting.

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.

Members in attendance were:

Ray Etheredge, Sharron Etheredge, Georgie Pulliam, and Donna Hamilton.

Reports and Announcements

Secretary's Report Arlene West

Martha Alexander moved that the minutes of the February meeting be accepted as written. The motion was seconded by Fred Abrahamson. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report – Fred Abrahamson

Report as Submitted:

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Treasurers Report

Provided by Fred Abrahamson, Treasurer

Through 2/28/2010:

1. The checking balance at Kitsap Bank is \$6,650.43
2. The savings balance at Kitsap Bank is \$657.96
3. The checking balance at Kitsap Credit Union is \$500/00
4. The savings balance at Kitsap Credit Union is \$500.00
5. The Money Market balance at Kitsap Credit Union is \$14,000
6. The combined CD balance is \$20,435.47

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Our overall cash resource is \$42,743.86

Breakdown of CD's

Kitsap Bank (131) 7/7/10 = \$2,564.76

Kitsap Bank (133) 4/6/10 = \$4,684.89

Kitsap Bank (136) 9/14/09 = \$8,185.82

Kitsap Bank (137) 2/5/10 = Closed 2/5/2010

“New”

Kitsap Credit Union (70) 2/12/12 \$5,000.00 @ 1.8% 24 months

Budget vs. Actual 2/28/2010

We have an income of \$3,501.46 and \$1,632.77 in expenses for a positive \$1,868.69 through February.

Two very positive reasons for the positive cash flow is:

- Calendar revenue of \$2,417.00 compared to what we thought would be 2010 Calendar revenue of \$500. A difference of \$1,917.
- Donation for the Olalla Garden of \$900

It was moved by Martha Alexander and seconded by Arlene West to accept the March financial report as written. Motion Carried.

Plant Sale Report: Becky Croston

(oral Report)

The next Plant Sale meeting will be held on Thursday, March 4th at Firestation #51.

State Foundation -Roland Malan

(oral report)

The next meeting of the State Foundation will be this Friday. Becky Croston will be attending this meeting with Roland. The focus of the meeting will be on WSU's proposal that the State Foundation become more focused on fundraising.

Newsletter Report:

Dennis Kimbrough has been unable to continue as the newsletter editor due to circumstances beyond her control.

Roland Malan has agreed to take on the role of the newsletter editor. A date will be set with Mary-Cathern Edwards and Susan Harrington for instruction to help him get started. Mary-Cathern will send the completed newsletter editions via constant contact.

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Seminar Report: Sharron & Ray Etheredge, and M.J. Tyler
(oral report)

All the seminars have confirmed speakers through May. The June speaker has been contacted and Sharron is waiting for confirmation.

- * Membership forms will be available at all seminars.
- * Printed materials required for the seminars will be paid for by the foundation or ran off at the Extension office.

Constant Contact: Mary-Cathern Edwards
(oral report)

There are 25 Foundation members that have renewed their membership for 2010.

Mary-Cathern now has the data base for all the MG's and the new Rookie class. She can now include everyone in all foundation communications. About 60% of those that receive Constant Contact messages read them.

New Business:

Communication Policy:

Martha Alexander moved that the revised Communications policy be approved. Jim Rodman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Meeting policy:

Martha Alexander motioned that we accept the Board Meeting policy as written with the additions of the "Reviewed and Amended" date lines. Jim Rodman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

By-Law Review:

Becky Croston will formulate a By-law Review Committee. This year a review is mandatory. Mary-Cathern Edwards and her husband Bob have volunteered to sit on this committee. Others interested in joining the committee should contact Becky Croston or any board member.

State Foundation Scholarship Program:

Scholarships from the State Foundation are available to High School students this year. Caroline Berger has volunteered to send all required information about the application process to the schools throughout Kitsap County. Any student majoring in Agriculture or Horticulture would be eligible to apply.

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State Foundation Donations: Roland Malan

The State Foundation is requesting a donation of at least five items to go toward a raffle fundraiser. Something Kitsap County specific as our donations would be most meaningful. A request will go out through Constant Contact for suggested items and ideas. Follow-up: August meeting.

*All proceeds go to the WSU Master Gardener Foundation.

Fundraising for Kitsap County Master Gardener Foundation:

Kingston Crossing Massage:

A local Chiropractor at Kingston Crossing will donate the time of his three massage therapists for 30 minute massages for one day. Roland will get more details but for each customer that pays for a massage at a discounted rate the chiropractor will donate that amount to the MG Foundation.

PayPal:

We discussed at length adding buttons to our website so people can donate directly to program line items, such as Anna Smith Garden or Olalla Garden. These buttons would be linked to Paypal so donations can be accepted on line. Several options were discussed and will be addressed again at the next meeting.

Fundraising Meeting:

Becky Croston will coordinate a casual meeting to discuss fundraising ideas. The meeting will be held on Monday, March 22nd at 1:00 PM

Audit Committee:

Martha Alexander is looking for members to join the audit committee. Anyone interested should call Martha or speak to Becky Croston.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM