



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.

September 7, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Mary-Cathern Edwards called the regular monthly Master Gardener Foundation board meeting to order at 1:10 PM on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at the Eagles Nest, Kitsap County Fairgrounds in Bremerton, WA.

Board members in attendance were: Fred Abrahamson, Treasurer; Directors at Large, Monica Goldsberry and Jim Rodman, and Horticulture Advisor Colleen Miko. Judith Martin, Vice President, Jane Dower, Secretary and DAL Martha Alexander were unable to attend and their absence was excused in advance of this meeting.

Members in attendance were Sharron Etheredge, Ray Etheredge, Donna Hamilton, Linda Wells, and Aldora Downing, Sharron's Mom, was also in attendance.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary's Report - Jane Dower

Approval of the August meeting was tabled until Jane's return.

Treasurer's Report – Fred Abrahamson

Through 8/31/2011

1. The checking balance \$2,858.87
2. The savings balance is \$501.35
3. The Money Market balance at Kitsap Credit Union is \$16,630.20
4. The combined CD balance is \$33,432.49
5. Our overall cash resource is \$53,422.91

Breakdown of CD's as of July 31, 2011

Kitsap Credit Union (01) 9/14/15 \$8,126.02 1.8% interest
Kitsap Credit Union (02) 6/1/12 \$5,004.58 .55 % interest
Kitsap Credit Union (03) 6/1/14 \$5,009.15 1.1% interest
Kitsap Credit Union (70) 2/12/12 \$5,132.47 1.8% interest
Kitsap Credit Union (72) 7/6/13 \$10,160.27 1.5% interest

Budget vs. Actual 8/31/2011

Through August 31, 2011 we had income of \$30,909.44 and expenses of \$19,974.95 for a positive \$10,934.49.

Prepared by Mary-Cathern Edwards, President

For Jane Dower, MGFKC Secretary

Meeting Date: September 7 2011

Discussion: Outstanding Clinic expenses have not been submitted as yet, per Colleen. Discussion re: successful fundraisers. It was noted that \$2065 was not spent, as budgeted, for the 2011 Gala.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as written.

Horticulture Report - Colleen Miko

MOAs

Met with Ray Garrido August 4th to discuss Right of Access (ROA) document, which is the template recommended for the agreement with the Olalla Garden. Mr. Garrido is reviewing template.

Draft 9 and changes therein to Raab Youth Garden MOA were submitted to Mary McCluskey, Poulsbo Parks & Rec after last months' Board Meeting. Mary discussed MOA with City Council on August 23rd.

Poulsbo City Council is ready to review MOA for Raab Park Youth Garden and MOA for Raab Park P-patch whenever the Foundation is comfortable with the Youth Garden MOA wording.

Planning a meeting with Dori Leckner re: MOA for Heritage Garden and Anna Smith for sometime in the next month.

Learning Gardens

Meeting with Fred following this month's Board Meeting to work on budget template and submission procedure for learning garden leads to work from each fall.

Anna Smith Compost Bin Proposal

In order to compost weeds onsite, Anna Smith MGs have a design of a 3 bin compost system they would like to build in addition to their other bins. Kitsap Solid Waste has money in their budget for compost demonstration sites and Chris Piercy has offered to purchase the materials needed. Don Goldsberry drew up plans and materials list for the bins. Dori Leckner at Kitsap Parks & Rec will need to approve the bins before Anna Smith can proceed.

Organic Gardening Class for 2012

Classes to be held Saturdays Jan 14, 28 and Feb 4 & 18 at Norm Dicks Bldg
Special rate for Master Gardeners: \$25 for individual classes and \$100 for all four—
regular rate is \$45 ea/\$150 for all. In order for MGs to get special rate they must register by January 6th.

Flier and brochure debuted at Fair and online registration will be available at the end of September

Master Gardener Training 2012

Next year's MG Training will be on Fridays starting January 27th and ending April 13th.
2011 Inquiries will be contacted late September & given applications
Orientation for MG Inquiries to be held on October 25th from 1-3 and 5-7 in room 406 at the Norm Dicks Building

Action Items from August Board Meeting

Signed and mailed grant application for Group Health certified August 8th.
Gave applications for MGFKC to MGs for distribution at the Fair
Mailed sympathy card to Jean Gallagher's daughter in Florida.

Upcoming Outreach & Other Events:

Urban Bird Festival, Cowling Creek Sept 17
State Master Gardener Conference Sept 22-24, Ocean Shores
Friends of the Farms Harvest Fair, Bainbridge Island Sept 25
Home & Remodel Show, Kitsap Fairgrounds Sept 30, Oct. 1, 2
Rain Garden Training for Landscape Professionals Oct. 5 & 6 (register online
<http://kitsap.wsu.edu>)
Water Courses Oct. 14 & 15th, Keyport (register online)

Garden Tours Committee Report - presented by Jim Rodman

Thursday, September 15: Yang's Botanical Gardens, 5180 Country Club Way, Port Orchard. Instruction on Care of Japanese Maples by Won Yang, Tour of Maple trees, Unusual plants, previous golf course site

Thursday, September 22: Master Gardener Jill Ray, 209 Thompson Road, Poulsbo

OLD BUSINESS:

2011-2012 Election: Ballots will be counted at the Annual meeting, September 21.

Annual Meeting: The Board agreed to have a Gift Exchange at the Annual Meeting on September 21. Members are reminded to bring a snack and an item for the "green thumb/white elephant" gift exchange.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

.....and as always, thank you to Ray and Sharron Etheredge for coordinating our refreshments for every Board Meeting.