

Master Gardener Foundation Kitsap County

DRAFT Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 6 2007

I. Call to order

TR Strong called to order the regular meeting of the **Master Gardener Foundation of Kitsap County** at 1:05 PM on **Wednesday, June 6 2007**, at the **Eagles Nest (Training Center), Kitsap Fairgrounds, Bremerton, WA**.

Board members in attendance: TR Strong, President; Sharon Howard, Vice President; Mary-Cathern Edwards, Secretary and Sandy Livermore, Treasurer. Directors at Large; Georgene Smith, Ray Etheridge and Marialis Jurges. Also in attendance: Becky Croston, Sharron Etheridge, DeLona Kent, Cat Ross, John Mikesell, Carol Henning, Debra J. Hall, Ken, Betty Clark, and Arno Bergstrom

The minutes of the May 2, 2007 meeting were accepted.

Reports and Announcements

Treasurer's Review

The tax return was filed with the help of Liberty Tax Service.

We have \$16,621.36 in checking and \$44,438.64 in all accounts.

Horticulture Report

Peg Tillery submitted the following report:

DDDI

Our Digital Distance Diagnostic Imaging system is running smoothly. The Foundation contributed \$3500 to purchase the microscopes and digital camera for this program and because of that donation, WSU DDI Program, donated a laptop and other supplies to the DDDI Program in Kitsap County.

Colleen Miko, WSU Intern, has been conducting classes on the microscopes and the DDDI system. Another class is being held on Wednesday June 13. So far 11 MGs have completed the classes and are learning the system.

MG PROGRAM BUDGET

Georgene Smith, Sandy Livermore and Peg Tillery met to come up with a plan for tracking and reporting the MG Program Budget Section. A plan has been put together and is proceeding.

Plant Sale Committee

The following was reported by Becky Croston, 2007 Plant Sales Chairperson:

Our final meeting: June 4, 2007, 9am to 12 noon.

I would like to thank all of our Master Gardener volunteers for all their hard work both before and during the sale.

In addition we can thank our non-Master Gardeners: Our Support Staff in Extension, Steve Johnson of Cooleen Gardens Nursery for his donations of hundreds of hosta, Dave Halsaver of Foxglove Greenhouses for his greenhouse space for vegetables and fuchsia, Jim Trainer of Treez, Inc., for his donation of trees, Ann Pyles for her donation of sedums and tomatoes, Ann Burkhard for her flats of herbs, T.R.'s neighbors Fred and Marlene Abrahamson for their native plants, Lowes employees: Deb Deherrerra and Doyle Millegard for scrap wood for 23 bee houses, Scott Telkins (sp.?) of Coca Cola for boxes, Chris Smith for his promotions in his columns, and Peg Tillery and WestSound Home and Gardens for their promotions. I am so sorry if we have left anyone off this list.....

Our sale brought in \$1,800.00 more than 2006. The line-item net for 2006 was \$8,547.39 and for 2007 (one bill outstanding) will be about 10,366.47.

Comments and suggestions from the committee:

1. Fuchsia baskets and pots brought in 22% of total income, and although they require a lot of work and care from a small group of members, it is agreed that they are well worth the effort. Our thanks go especially to Shari Kiley and Georgene Smith for their attention when aphids attacked and the baskets fell.
2. Husbands of Master Gardeners need a special "Thanks!" for their contributions.
3. Different this year: Hundreds of hosta, hundreds of tomatoes (and a large variety too,) more fuchsia, more gloves, more native plants, sedums in the hypertufa pots, and T.R.'s driftwood.
4. Additions this year that worked: white plastic tablecloths on front tables to brighten the entrance. Refurbished Banner overhead which was a fantastic eye-catcher and color-spot—expense donated by Sharon Howard. When they finally arrived (3:30...) we had more tables than last year. A-Boards re-painted by Wayne Tysver, covered with laminated signage by Rhiannon. Three new A-boards built by Dave Reckner. Gary Gratrix posted informational signs on tomato varieties. Paying 50 cents each for Foxglove to grow tomato starts selling for \$2 each was well worth the investment, both in profit and customer satisfaction.
5. Notable items: Wayne Tysver made 28 bee houses and sold 24 at \$8 each. Dana Coggen was pleased to only have to toss out a few Butterfly Bush as Noxious Weeds. Several members are nurturing 140 of the donated hosta plants for next year which were immature, and way over what we could sell this year.
6. Recommendations: Two styles of gloves, a variety other veggies, and small pots of plants for Allen McKibben to hand out to the children. We could use: Bat houses from someone, cement leaves from the upcoming seminar, sedum wreaths from the upcoming seminar, annuals: perhaps geraniums. We could have sold more hemlocks, and T.R. will pot his seedlings up for next year. He is also (once again) potting up his primrose volunteers now for next year's sale.
7. Suggestions: group tomatoes by variety on the tables with signage. Get the word out to the membership that we need volunteers "north, central, and south," who can either dig and divide plants in their areas, or transport plants to the sale. Starting up the Newsletter again should get the word out more efficiently to more members on how they can contribute. If we could find the second Calendar Banner and have it re-done just like the other one, we could use it in front of the building to draw customers to the correct location.
8. Committee meetings: start again in December and have monthly meetings through April. The May meeting should be one week prior to the sale.
9. Sale dates/times for 2008: (Set up) Thursday, May 8: 9-3. Sale days: Friday, May 9:

9-5. Saturday, May 10: 9-2.

10. Becky Croston offers to Chair the Sale again--- but requests an assistant who knew they would take over as Chair for 2009.

Program Committee/Third Wednesday Seminars

Cat Ross provided the following ' Third Wednesday/Seminar' report:

May's Garden Art at Anna Smith had 19 attend for the presentation by Allen McKibben on copper art and TR Strong demonstrating uses for driftwood & the best places to collect it. It was a rousing success as participants were able to actually gets hands on experience with the blow torch creating a copper design. As well as numerous pieces of lovely driftwood were raffled off and many went home toting large accent pieces for their garden.

June's Grape Growing and Wine Making with tasting to follow are shaping up nicely. As of 24 May we have 13 participants signed up with a cut off of 25.

Saturday 23 June 2007 Fee for members is \$5 and a passing snack. Non-members fee is \$10. Checks made out to MGFKC will be the accepted method of payment.

Everyone is encouraged to talk up the seminars, carry a flier with you at every MG class, meeting, or event you attend so more people may find out about the seminars. Word of mouth seems to be the best advertising currently. The proposed newsletter will be a welcome communicant.

Marialis Jurges has graciously agreed to take over the coordinating of the upcoming events for the rest of the year as I will be out of state for 3 to 6 months beginning in July.

Future seminars:

July 21 Saturday 1 – 3 PM	Garden Photography Anna Smith Garden Presenter: Brian Page Bring your camera! And your camera's instruction booklet. Brian will help you figure out all the techno-babble and you be shooting pictures like a pro in no time! We will be staying longer than 3pm if you want to shoot some late in the day pictures in the garden ~ perfect lighting we're told. No registration necessary. Public welcome. For additional info contact: Ray Etheredge r.etheredge@att.net or (360)-830-0669
August 4 Saturday 10-4 PM	Anna Smith Garden 20th Anniversary Open House Public Welcome.
5 PM to 7 PM	MGF Homecoming Potluck Calling all current and former MG's come back, join us, and enjoy viewing the fruits of your past labors and see how the garden has grown and changed. Enjoy picnicking, socializing and catching up

	<p>with your past gardening MG Family. Current MG's call an old MG friend and ask them to join us. Bring a scrumptious dish to share. Contact Ray Etheredge for further information.</p>
<p>August 19 Sunday 1-3 PM</p>	<p>Cement Leaf Casting and Stepping Stone Creations Hands on learning ~ how to make your own garden accessories. <u>Fee: Foundation Member \$5; guest or others \$10.</u> Attendance limited to 30. Please register with Sharon Howard, howard.sj@wavecable.com or call 360-876-6202</p>
<p>September 8 Wednesday 1-3</p>	<p>“Drying the Harvest” food preservation demonstration presented by Ann O'Brien, Food Safety Extension. Drying fruits and veggies and more. She will also touch on jellies and jams and offer some canning tips. Eagles Nest Meeting Room at the Fairgrounds 1pm to 3pm. No registration necessary. Public welcome. For more info contact Marialis Jurges mjjurges@yahoo.com or call 360-377-0274 or Carol Henning bcbeachhouse@gmail.com or call 360-377-6125</p>
<p>October 17 Wednesday 1-3PM</p>	<p>Succulent wreath making demonstration by Ann Pyles Location: Eagles Nest meeting room, Kitsap Fairgrounds. Lovely and just in time for holiday displays or gifts! Fee and supply list available with registration. To reserve a spot contact Jane Bedinger at janebedinger@wavecable.com or call 360-769-7059</p>
	<p>Events held rain or shine All events from 1pm to 3pm unless otherwise noted.</p>

Nominating Committee

Delona Kent, Chairperson provided a tentative list of nominees for the 07-08 Election:

- President: T.R. Strong
- Vice President: Becky Croston
Marialis Jurges
- Secretary: Mary-Cathern Edwards
- Treasurer: Sandy Livermore
- Directors at Large: Ray Etheredge
John Mikesell
Roland Malan

Nomination Committee members are Delona Kent, Becky Croston and Sheri Kiley. Delona requested Members forward nominee recommendations to her, asap.

Newsletter Committee

(see attached PDF report)

The Newsletter Committee met to discuss the rebirth of our Foundation Newsletter. Members present were Gary Gratrix, Georgene Smith, Allen McKibben; members excused were TR Strong and Mary-Cathern Edwards. Gary Gratrix is the Editor. The function of the newsletter will be to provide information to Foundation members, with additional input from WSU Master Gardener Program. The newsletter will be published six times a month. The estimated cost is \$2.13 per issue for a 12 page newsletter, including postage. The success of the newsletter will depend on Member contribution. Members are encouraged to submit articles to the Editor by JULY 1 for

August 1 publication. Gary, via an e-mail suggested reports from various Committees need to be included, as well as business card size ads from Business Associate members

Garden Tours

Marialis Jurges reported the following information re: the Foundation Garden Tours:

June 1st -20 attended the Grass ID workshop presented by Ralph Rodgers.

June 2nd – 4 attended the tour of Mesogeo Gardens.

By-laws Changes Sharon Howard made a motion to adopt recommendations of Membership Committee to accept a 2007-2008 membership dues structure of \$25 for individual Foundation members, and \$35 for Family Foundation members. Marialis Jurges seconded the motion. The motion was amended by Sharon Howard to include a \$10 membership to Rookies, during their first year of classroom learning and internship. The amendment was seconded by Sandy Livermore. The motion carried. The amended motion to adopt a dues structure for 2007-2008 Master Gardener Foundation membership of \$10 for first year Rookies, \$25 for individual Members, and \$35 for Corporate and Associate members was made by Sharon Howard and seconded by Georgene Smith. The motion carried. **A complete current By-Laws and proposed changes are available for review at www.kitsapgardens.org**

Old Business: Green house Discussion

TR Strong posed the question re: status of the Greenhouse search. Ray Etheridge observed that having a greenhouse in which Master Gardeners could grow plants for our annual Plant Sale would provide new skills opportunities and benefit Member's knowledge. Peg Tillery indicated the Foundation may be able to utilize space in a North Kitsap School District greenhouse. She will know more about the partnering effort at a later date. Arno Bergstrom added that he has had discussions with John Graves of Pope and Talbot Resources at Port Gamble re utilization of their greenhouse area for Master Gardner's. Peg Tillery reported her attendance at a recent Howe Farm Meeting with Georgene Smith, Bill Gaylord and Mary-Cathern Edwards, South Kitsap School District and a representative of the off-leash dog park entity. Shared greenhouse space with SKSD students has been included in the WSU/SKSD Howe proposed partnership.

Old Business:

By Line Budget Review

The Board completed a line by line review of the budget. It was noted there were a few items that were in the wrong categories and Sandy will correct these prior to the July Meeting. Otherwise everything was fine. The shortfall in income from the Speakers' Series was covered by the above-expected income from the Plant Sale. Peg is on target to spend down the portion that has been allotted for the MG program.

Sandy requested new accounting software to better identify and track the budget. Sharon Howard is able to provide this software for Program use.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday July 11** at the Eagle's Nest, Kitsap County Fairgrounds, and Silverdale Washington.

TR Strong adjourned the meeting at 3:16 PM

Minutes submitted by **Mary-Cathern Edwards**, Secretary.