

Master Gardener Foundation Kitsap County

DRAFT Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 2 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, April 4, 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; Directors at Large; Georgene Smith, Ray Etheridge and Marialis Jurges. Secretary Sandy Livermore was excused. Also in attendance: Becky Croston, Wayne Tysver, Al McKibben, Sharron Etheridge, Gary Gratrix, Roland Malan, DeLona Kent, Donna Hamilton.

The minutes of the April 4, 2007 meeting were accepted.

Reports and Announcements

Treasurer's Review

TR Strong read the Treasurer's report: \$4,000 was transferred from a CD and the balance of (\$4,335.46) was rolled for another 12 months at an annual percentage rate of 4.6% interest. We have \$5,565.48 in checking and a total of \$33,382.49 in all accounts.

Horticulture Report

The following is an e-mail report submitted by Peg Tillery:

Logo Wear Report:

I sat next to Linda Kirk-Fox the Dean of Extension yesterday at lunch and here is what she said:

Ms. Kirk-Fox and Arno spoke about the MG logowear and she approves of Kitsap doing it, and there will be something in writing, but verbally she has given us the go ahead on ordering and selling logo wear. For now this verbal permission is our directive from her, so print out this email and write superseded on the email from Linda Chalker-Scott.

She (Linda Kirk-Fox) also said any other MG Office or Foundation/Association can order and sell MG logowear.

She was unaware of the Linda Chalker-Scott email about the logo and requested I or Arno email it to her - Arno is doing that this week.

Yes, we can sell the logo wear, and we can order the logowear now to sell at the MG Conference.

We will adhere to the marketing guidelines of WSU - which means the colors we are currently using are acceptable because they fall within the marketing guidelines.

I've told Barbara Thomas to order some of the denim shirts and aprons with the MG logo wear to be sold to MGs at the Plant Sale and other venues and we'd like to know who we'd meet with to plan out if the Board and Ways Means would like us to order and sell MG logo at the MG Conference.

The t-shirts - "weed em and reap" and "gardeners know the dirt" are in and Barbara has them ready to go for the Plant Sale.

I've cc'd Barbara and Becky with this email - since Barbara will order the logo wear and Becky is ways and means.

MG Program Budget:

We are progressing as planned. Georgene, Sandy and Peg have not yet met to talk about an accounting process to record and track the MG Program. We will attempt to meet sometime in May.

Other Info:

Peg is on BI Wednesdays through Fridays working with MGs and others on the Native Plant Advisor/Shoreline Stewardship Program.

MGs can make appointments with Peg from 8-10 a.m. on Mondays and 2-4 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Georgene Smith is available all day at the Extension Office on Mondays and Tuesdays, but it is good to check to see if she's available for appointments too. Her assignment is assistance to Community Horticulture and the Master Gardener Program and working with the volunteers in Peg's absence.

Drop ins do happen, but to assure we can give you the time you should have, we'd appreciate appointments being made.

This ends my report.

Membership Committee

Ray Etheridge, Membership Committee co-chairperson reported the Committee met and recommends adoption of a membership fee.

Discussion took place re: the monetary amount and possible associated benefits (e.g yearly subscription to the WSU Master Gardener magazine, et al) The Committee will reconvene to discuss a dues structure and report findings to the Board at the June meeting.

The following e-mail report from TR Strong was read by Ray Etheridge::

-There should be a fee between \$10 and \$25 per year for Foundation membership. We recognised there are many pros and cons, but the bottom line: An organization that doesn't cost anything might not be worth anything. Ya gets what ya pays for.

--There must be a Foundation newsletter, in one form or another, sent periodically to all the members. Paper would be great, but a combination of

paper and electronics would do. The hard search is on for the right volunteers to produce, say, a bi-monthly, maybe quarterly, letter, with articles, features, interesting stuff about us and the rest of the world. This is the toughest of the recommendations.....stand by for the search and then the arm-twisting.

--We discussed a variety of tours and activities, much of which is already under way for this year, witness the successful 3rd Wednesday Seminar last week, and the other activities now in the planning stages. We need to maintain and expand on this good effort, now lead by Cat Ross.

.....and then we strayed from the specific Membership Committee assignment, and looked at two other issues the Foundation might, or might not, address in the near future.....

--Money Raising Functions.....what shall we do? We have the traditional Plant Sale. We do the Gift Wrap thing at Barnes and Noble. We did the 2006 Calendar. The recommendation of this committee would be to start the planning NOW for a 2009 sequel. The effort takes LOTS of hard work and several key members of the 2006 Committee are gone. But we're GOOD. We can DO IT. (We'd recommend to try for a 2008 edition but there just isn't time to pull it all together.....But just wait 'till next year!!!) For Becky and the Ways and Means Committee: Here's support for a project we've all been thinking about.....

--We need to appoint a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of candidates for the 2008 term. The charge to that committee will be to look at potential candidates with an eye to the direction this Membership Committee is proposing to take us, AND to the need for continuity on the Board. The policies and direction established now and for the rest of this year by the current Board need to be followed, carried on and supported or not, as the membership might determine. Note that a By-Laws "committee" is already making suggestions toward this end.

Plant Sale Committee

Becky Croston reported there was no Committee meeting in May. All volunteers are gearing up for the Plant Sale May 11 and 12 at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds.

Program Committee/Third Wednesday Seminars

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

2007 Third Week of the Month Seminars

April 18 **Cooking with Herbs** with Susan Bower.

Location: Eagles Nest Meeting room at the Kitsap Fairgrounds

Fabulous... if you missed it, you missed a great time!

May 16: **Garden Art** with Allen McKibben at Anna Smith Garden.
Copper Art & using driftwood in the garden.
For a hands on experience bring your own
copper wire 6 or 12 gauge, and cutters ~ bring out the artist
in you!

June 23: Saturday **Grape growing and Wine making** with a wine tasting
to follow. Speaker: Edd Jentsch - Location: TBA with registration / limited
attendance

July 21: Saturday **Garden Photography** presentation at Anna Smith
Garden. Presenter Brian Page. Don't forget your camera and your
camera's instruction booklet. Brian will help you figure out all the techo-
babble and you will 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.

August 4: Saturday **Anna Smith Garden 20th Anniversary & MGF
Homecoming Potluck**. Open to all current and former MG's and
Foundation Members. Location: Anna Smith Garden. 10 a.m. until 4
p.m. Come back, join us, and enjoy viewing the fruits of your past labors.
Enjoy socializing and catching up with your past gardening
MG family!

August 19: Sunday **Cement Leaf Casting and Stepping Stone
Creations**. Hands-on learning: how to make your own garden
accessories. Attendance limited to 30; more details to follow with
registration. Fee: Foundation Member \$5; guest or others \$10.

September 8: Saturday "**Drying the Harvest**" food preservation
demonstration presented by Ann O'Brien, Food Safety Extension. She will
touch on jellies and jams and offer some canning tips.

October 17: Wednesday **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

Presentation from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. unless otherwise noted.
Events held rain or shine.

New Business:

By-laws Changes (see attached for proposed changes) Sharon made a motion to adopt recommendations of By-Laws Committee to change the terms of board members and to proceed with the notification process to all Foundation members. The motion was seconded by Marialis Jorges. The motion carried. It was noted notifications would be sent to members who were current as of May 2, 2007. A complete current By-Laws is available for review at www.kitsapgardens.org

Nominating Committee Delona Kent volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee. Becky Croston agreed to serve as an ex-officio member. The Committee will provide a slate of candidates for election of 2007-2008 Board.

TR Strong adjourned the meeting at 2:55 PM.

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