

Master Gardener Foundation of Kitsap County
Board Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2005

Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm by Jane Bedinger, President

In attendance: Jane Bedinger, Terry Strong, Sandy Livermore, Gail Everett, Allen Miller, Marialis Jorges, Peg Tillery.

Minutes reviewed and corrections accepted

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Treasurer's Report—Gail Everett

Balance as of October 7, 2005: \$26976.64

Purchased a CD for \$2000

Received \$450 from Bremerton Garden Club for Anna Smith project

Horticulture Coordinator—Peg Tillery

Registrations for the new Master Gardener class are coming in. Interviews begin on Monday, November 14th. Additionally we will have five Parks and Rec employees and five interns from Westpark's Landscape Training Program in the class. Everyone will be in the mentor groups.

Newsletters from other counties are filed in a book in the Extension office. In a recent newsletter, "The Mason Jar," Mason County, they report that they do a bazaar and auction combined with 4-H and MGs as a social function and fundraiser. This might be something the MGFKC might like to do with our 4H foundation in a future year.

Parking is still a problem at the Norm Dicks Govt Center but our office can apply for and get special parking permits (no fee attached) for certain functions but we'd have to do it about three months in advance. Our office clinic volunteers do have free parking through our office which has purchased a parking spot for \$85 per month.

Education Committees have been established by Peg.

Native Plant Advisor Course

Continuing Education Possibilities—so MGs can get in their 10 hours

Youth Committee—Jr MG program is included in this.

Third Wednesday Seminars – Peg, Kathy Morse and Laura Pittman-Hewitt

Displays and materials for grab and go. There was discussion about what to do with the displays created for the Fair. These can be saved but usually aren't. Peg is working with Donna Albers for the Rookie class to create displays for the fair. Displays can be used in the libraries and for educational outreach. There is storage in the extension office.

Question: Can there be better input for clinics so there is not so much rescheduling? In a week or two Peg will know who is staying in the program and where, dates and times they'd like to volunteer. This will leave places to pop rookies in.

Parking for the classes is being looked into.

Policies Report—Karen Meyer.

Met October 28. They finished up a rough draft of committee policies. They need a couple more meetings to get things done. The Foundation is responsible for policies.

Programs Committee Report—Sharon Howard

What's in programs?

Monthly Seminars—Third Wednesday of the month and open to the public.

Speakers are part of Program even though they started out as a fundraiser.

Foundation things: discounts, coupons, special deals on magazines, fun classes not strictly gardening. Expanded field trips: check out demo gardens. Do wine tasting, flower arranging. Ides: paint flower pots that could be sold at a bazaar or plant sale.

Resource Development—Beth Soukup and Gary Gratrix

Covered structure at Anna Smith originally came out of resource development committee. Priced out at \$1340. Modified to \$1800--\$2000. We received a donation of \$450 from Bremerton Garden Club. Approach Silverdale Rotary for time, money, or whatever it takes. Get into the permit process. Jane said that is right up the alley of why we did the calendar. Gary will continue on. The Parks Department will be providing the land and liability if a member of the public should get hurt. MGs are covered by MGs insurance. Jane asked when construction would begin. Gary said: spring. Donna is the contact through her husband and the Rotary Club.

Gary will get a permit to build next to the stream (\$125).

Question: What is the policy of presenting things to the board? Things are not owned by the Foundation, but by the Program.

Speaker Series—DeLona Kent

February 19—Cass Turnbull—Difficult plants to Prune-----	\$250
February 26—Debra Prinzing—Abundant Garden-----	\$300
March 5—Linda Beutler—Clematis with Everything-----	\$300
March 12—Bill McClaren—Dahlia workshop---(Approx.)-----	\$350
March 19—Ed Hume—Wide-row raised bed vegetable gardening ideas or Seasonal Gardening Ideas –No charge but will accept gift cert.-----	\$100

Following DeLona's suggestion, the board will charge \$35 for the series and \$12 per individual speaker. (Motion: Marialis. 2nd Gail. Passed) Last year 48 series sold and 60 singles sold. Brochures, except for price are finished and will be published soon. The series will also be advertised in December newsletter. There will also be income from book sales during the series.

BUSINESS

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Written Policies can be found on the website.

Review of Bylaws. Move the adopt Bylaws Review Policy as written.

Moved: TR. Second: Gail. Passed

Move to accept Expense Reimbursement Policy and Form.

Moved: TR. Second: Marialis. Discussion: Should there be a \$5 minimum? Probably not. Passed

Move that Standing Rules adopted January 2, 1997 be rescinded and replaced by bylaws.

Moved: TR. Second: Sandy. Passed

Move to adopt Conflict of Interest Policy and Statement.

Moved: TR. Second: Sandy. Passed as written

Move to approve budget policy creating and maintaining the Foundation Budget policy.

Moved: TR. Second: Sandy. Passed

Mavis Johnson is retiring from Barnes and Noble Gift Wrapping. Needs chairperson. Sally Tysver is the co-chairperson.

Becky Croston got an estimate for aprons using MGFKC logo. Minimum of 24 aprons about \$20 each. Donna will check on other companies. Jane will work with Becky and Donna.

It was decided to table discussion regarding purchase of a laptop computer for use primarily by the treasurer. Discussion will be continued on Friday, November 4, 2005.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Livermore.