

Master Gardener Foundation of Kitsap County
Board Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2005

Meeting called to order at 1:04 pm by Jane Bedinger, President

In attendance: Jane Bedinger, Terry Strong, Sandy Livermore, Gail Everett, Allen Miller, Wayne Tysver, Marialis Jurges, Delong Kent, Gary Gratrix, Peg Tillery, Betty Clark, Sharon Howard, Allen McKibben, Karen Meyer, Colette Wilson.

Reading of the minutes was put off until the next meeting.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Treasurer's Report—Gail Everett

To date for the year as of September 5, 2005;

Income: \$43,756.30

Expenses: \$18,024.47

Horticulture Coordinator—Peg Tillery

Application packets are out and interviews will be held Nov 7 or 14 for five interns from West Park who will be totally assimilated and assigned to mentor groups and five from Parks and Rec.

Almost had an Americorps Volunteer, but may have to wait until next October. The cost is \$500 or less to have the volunteer work five days a week. Monday the volunteer would be at Robb Park, Wednesday at Anna Smith, and Tuesday and Thursday's this person would work in the office. Peg will try for and intern from Evergreen, and explore possibilities of getting someone from WSU. The Board asked if she could get someone in November for \$500. MGF would have to fund a budget line item for \$500/month.

The demonstration gardens were very successful. 871 came through Robb Park, Anna Smith hosted hundreds. The Pea Patch was well used.

Margaret at Howe Farm—by next May they will have new restrooms, power and water. A pumpkin patch is planned for the first year. Sale of the pumpkins will finance the next garden. Plans are to fence an area for a garden. No MOA has been signed. Sharon Gordon is the attorney.

Classes;

Dave Peters—composting class for master gardeners. April 17th, 18th, and 20th. (no fees)

Weed Advisory Training. Thursdays May 4th, 11th, and 18th. (no fees)

Natural Plant Advisory. Thursday evenings, February 2nd, March, and one week in April. (fee for materials)

Master Gardener's class starts Jan 13th. For the first day no vets are to come. April 7th is the last class. Completely PDF files and everyone will get a disk. The fee will be around \$225.

From now on master composters and weed advisors won't get their badges until they do their required hours.

There was a discussion about MGs having trouble getting their continuing ed hours. Maybe four Saturday trainings would work.

Ken Fox, Jeanette Fox's husband, brought in four huge boxes of gardening books and magazines. Collette and her two daughters will print stickers for the donated books and will make an index of what is in what years.

Jane and Peg both wrote articles for the West Sound Home and Gardens. Peg will be writing a column for _____.

Procedures Report—Karen Meyer.

Change “Procedures” to “Policies.”

First meeting in September. They adopted a mandate, format, process, time frame, list of policies. There was a resignation and M. J. Tyler came on board. Marialis Jorges is the Board ex Officio. Three policies are almost ready for Prime Time and will be sent out to the Board members for comments. One week will be given for responses. Then the final copy will come to the Board for comments.

There next meeting is October 28th, 9-11am, in this room.

After this meeting the Resource Development committee will meet.

Jane said the Board has to approve the policies.

Three policies that are being worked on. 1) Creation and maintaining budget. 2) Reviewing and revising the bylaws; and 3) Conflict of interest policy and statement.

Question: Does Washington State have a conflict of interest policy? No, but it is a good idea to have one but as a separate entity. We should finish this business by or at the 1st of the year.

Gary passed out standing rules that will be updated. The standing rules have been supplanted by the by-laws.

Policy committee will be rescinded probably in November ore December. No action needed.

Programs Committee Report—Sharon Howard

Field Trips—Joyia Rubins

Seminars—Laura Pittman

Speakers Series—Delong Kent

February 26 Debra Prinzing will be speaking about her new book Abundant Gardens which focuses of nine gardens on Bainbridge Island. Her fee is \$300.

The Speakers Series will be on Sundays in the EGG February 19th, 26th, March 5th, and 12th. There was a suggestion that we team up with Longlake Garden Club.

Several names were brought up and they are asking for others. Cass Turnbull, Val Easton , Thomas Hobbs, Ed Hume, Timber Press. The cap on the fee is \$500. Budget is \$3000 including \$1200 for Red Lion.

Joyia is working on a possible tour of Ed Hume’s garden.

Have the program committee meet with the board. Question: How does the board become a gatekeeper not bottleneck?

Open the planning meeting to more committee heads and subcommittee heads. Looking for thoughtful and energized planning. E-mail the agenda to everyone in November. The Planning meeting is 9AM Friday November 4th. Send out invitations.

BUSINESS

Old (Unfinished) Business

New Business

4-H Awards: Hold over

CD roll over: Moved (TR Strong) and seconded (Allen Miller) and passed by all that we buy a \$2000 CD for 6 months and then roll that into a 12 month CD.

LOGO: The majority liked the sample with The Brothers Mountain in the background and the salal in the foreground. Terry moved. Sandy seconded. Passed 100%

Recruiting for chairs of Communications, Ways and Means (Fundraising) Committee:

Ways and Means oversees various committees, come up with new activities.

Peg said Susan Harrington, Lavender Garden owner might be interested in serving on a committee. Has computer knowledge.

Americorps. Peg asked for \$500 per month for an intern from the Americorps. This is like the Peace Corps in the US. Most volunteers have their master's degree and all have botany, environmental science, education, and science backgrounds. There are 20 Americorps volunteers in Kitsap County and 40 more Work Corps volunteers here. They come from all over and want to experience working at the poverty level.

Peg will bring this up at the planning meeting. There was concern that she might find someone this month and it was general consensus that she try to secure his/her services. Can we promise to sustain it in the future? Can we handle it next year?

Location of meetings: Possible locations: Eagles Nest at the Fairgrounds, Roadhouse Nursery, Silverdale Community Center, The Willows retirement home in Silverdale. We need to be able to reserve the dates ahead of time. The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. The final decision came down to the Eagles nest.

Reservation Procedures: Fax form to Parks and Recs. It comes back by mail. Include event name, facility, dates. There is also an equipment list. No charge if made through the Extension office.

Next month's Board meeting is at the Eagles Nest at the fairgrounds in Silverdale from 1-3pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Livermore.