

MGFKC Board mtg.
March 2, 2005

Board members present: Gary Gratrix, Jane Bedinger, Jackie Aitchison, Beanie O'Neill, Niene Hartley, Kim Loucks, MJ Tyler and Robbie Gallagher (new director @ lg. 4/1/05

Mtg. called to order @ 1PM. Addition to agenda under Treas. Rpt. CD maturing in April.

Anji Ogden congratulated Gary Gratrix on the Foundation presentation at the MG training class. She commented that most MG vets should see presentation and that conventional wisdom should prevail over the separation of hour reporting from MG program and foundation business. The Foundation is a fundamental part of the MG program. The policy is set by WSU.

Niene Hartley asked to add a discussion about committees to new business.

Jane Bedinger will add Foundation presentation to website.

Min.

Pg. 2 change boardmember at large to director at large, 3rd paragraph change Jodie to Jody and Joyia to Joya.

MJ Tyler moved to approve minutes as corrected. Niene Hartley 2nd. Motion passed unan.

Treas. Rpt.

Current balance: \$12,256. \$3300 is Extension funds. \$8900 in checking. Total available \$15,221. (See attached)

April 7th one of the CDs matures. Beanie O'Neill recommended rolling over. Next CD matures in July. Discussion followed of pros and cons of savings account versus CD. CDs have a higher interest rate. Penalty for early withdrawal of CD is 30-day interest, if value exceeds \$5000, 90-day interest penalty.

Jane Bedinger moved to let the CD rollover. Kim Loucks 2nd. Motion passed unan.

Beanie O'Neill will be providing a cash flow chart update monthly due to the calendar project expenses.

There were 6 garden show tickets unsold resulting in a \$90 loss to the foundation.

Possibly due to classes being available locally and low veteran participation in attending the garden show.

Beanie O'Neill is researching processing credit card payments for the calendar sales.

No Horticulture Co-Ord report due to Peggy Tillery's attendance at the annual all staff conference at WSU.

Speaker Series:

Concern was expressed that DeLona Kent has not been at the Foundation Board mtgs. To report on the Series. Beanie O'Neill reported 42 ticket pkgs. And 42 single tickets have been sold. \$2184 earned so far from series. Discussion included need for single events to be in the papers, not just whole series, committee needs to be expanded to include more members working on series, cost savings if events held in the Egg at the Govt. Ctr.

Monthly Seminars:

35 people attended the Feb. Septic workshop presented by Jody Holdcroft. Great speaker and workshop. Mar. seminar will feature MJ Tyler speaking about gesneriads. MJ Tyler asked if other topics could be presented... Yes... would add drought tolerant plantings, innovative watering techniques, etc. A pruning workshop will be offered in the fall, possibly at member Sharon Howard's orchard for hands on experience.

Calendar Committee/project:

See attached. 1st shoot is done. Discussion included no ads on monthly pages, charge card issue, possible title of "Gardening Au Naturele..Secrets from the Kitsap Co. MGs" Sharon Howard is doing an outstanding job as leader of the calendar project. Hooray!

MG Foundation insurance policy:

Joya Rubens gave a presentation about our current liability insurance. The presentation included: organization is covered, board officers and directors are covered only in our duties as officers, volunteers are covered while performing duties for the organization including bodily injury, property damage, also covers our customers and the public attending Foundation sponsored events, if we are liable. Our current coverage is adequate. Policy costs \$350/yr.

April Field Trip:

Joya Rubens is coordinating foundation field trips. Apr. 22nd is the date for the April trip. "Earth Day" The trip includes a visit to a member Mindy Reinke's garden, emphasis on Irises, Silverdale PUD landscaping, and a visit to the MG Guillemot Cove. Meet PUD at 9AM. Will be in the newsletter.

Spring Plant Sale:

Committee met 3/2/05 in AM. Fuschia baskets, hanging pots and reemay will be available for sale. All is on track for the sale. There will be no presales to the MGs this year.

2006 plant sale date:

The Cat Barn has already been reserved for the 06 sale. Set up on Thurs, sale Fri./Sat./ Mother's Day weekend. Discussion included do we need to vote on this, develop a policy, can we reserve more space if necessary, gardens being the major contributor of plants, appropriateness of this board obligating future boards to the Mother's day weekend date, plants not ready before then, educational opportunities at sale, clinic at sale, veggie handouts.

Membership forms:

Forms reside with secretary. Database with Allen McKibben, newsletter committee. Niene Hartley and Jane Bedinger have email database. Membership Committee will research options for some form of ID for foundation members.

Foundation Website:

The community garden at Raab park on website was discussed. The Kitsap Community Garden Foundation made this a condition of our using the website space they donated to us. The criteria of information on the web were discussed focussing on the MG program and the Foundation business. Gary Gratrix will work on this and come back to board in the future for discussion.

Committee discussion:

Niene Hartley raised the concern that if a member signs up for a committee will we be doing something with them? The President appoints chair. (Refer to bylaws) More information and discussion is needed on this subject. Tabled to next mtg.

Mtg. adjourned at 3PM.

Respectfully submitted (for the last time),

Jackie Aitchison
MGFKC Secretary