



Master Gardener Foundation of Kitsap County

*Promoting long term environmental health
through sound and sustainable horticultural practices*

*The purposes of this non-profit Foundation are solely educational
and charitable to enhance and supplement the effort of the WSU
Master Gardener Program and thereby provide education and
information to the citizens of Kitsap County.*

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Minutes of Board Meeting, September 1, 2010

Call to order

President, Becky Croston called the regular monthly Master Gardener Foundation board meeting to order at 1:05 PM on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at the Eagles Nest, Kitsap County Fairgrounds in Bremerton, WA.

Board members in attendance were: Becky Croston, President, Roland Malan, Vice President, Fred Abrahamson, Treasurer, and Arlene West, Secretary. Members at Large: Jim Rodman and Mary-Cathern Edwards. Peg Tillery and Martha Alexander were unable to attend.

President Becky Croston welcomed the guests to the meeting.

Members in attendance were:

Linda Johnson, Monica Goldsberry, Marialis Jurges, Jane Dower, Donna Hamilton, Judith Martin and Ray and Sharron Etheredge

Reports and Announcements

Secretary's Report:

Fred Abrahamson moved that the minutes of the August 4th meeting be accepted as written. The motion was seconded by Mary-Cathern Edwards. Motion Carried.

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Treasurer's Report – Fred Abrahamson

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Treasurers Report

Provided by Fred Abrahamson, Treasurer

Through 8/31/2010:

1. The checking balance \$749.81
2. The savings balance is \$500.57
3. The Money Market balance at Kitsap Credit Union is \$12,026.23
4. The combined CD balance is \$33,317.17
5. Our overall cash resource is \$46,593.78

Breakdown of CD's

Kitsap Bank (136) 9/14/10 =\$8,230.43

Kitsap Credit Union (70) 2/12/12 \$5,041.72 1.8% interest

Kitsap Credit Union (71) 4/7/11 \$10,034.82 1.3% interest

Kitsap Credit Union (72) 7/6/13 \$10,010.20 1.5% interest

Budget vs. Actual 8/31/2010

For

Calendar year 2010

Through August, we have an income of \$16,407.74 and expense of \$11,066.33 for a positive \$5,341.41.

Roland Malan moved that the Treasurers Report be accepted as written. Mary-Cathern Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion: CD # (136) matures on September 14, 2010 for the amount of \$8,230.43.

After some discussion the consensus of the board was that the money be put into the Kitsap Credit Union Money Market account until the Annual meeting on the 15th and then re-address where the money should be placed after the Treasurer investigates current CD rates.

HORTICULTURE REPORT: Peg Tillery

WSU KITSAP EXTENSION HORTICULTURE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 MGFKC MEETING

Both Arno and Peg are unable to attend the September 1 meeting - we are at an all day planning retreat meeting.

Here's what's been happening during August.

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Youth Gardening Programs Summer 2010:

Anna Smith, Blueberry Park and Raab Park youth activities for the summer are completed and all three sites had great turnouts of children and adults who came to learn about growing veggies and other earth friendly gardening practices.

Learning Gardens, P-Patches and Food Production Gardens:

A team of two MGs at both Raab Park and Blueberry Park have had a very successful year providing education and mentoring to 68 plot owners at Blueberry Park and 45 plot owners at Raab Park. We will need two new site coordinators for Raab Park for the year 2011. Tess Frazier and Marianne Mallabon want to play in their own gardens for a change (can you imagine?). Thankfully Robbin Small and Janet Felty will be returning at Blueberry Park.

The team at the Garrido Property (aka Olalla Garden, Giving Garden) have been very busy under the direction of Mary-Cathern Edwards (and also Ray Garrido). The group is going to also be involved at SK Helpline (the old Port Orchard Nursery site).

Anna Smith Garden - the open house was a great success and all the produce this year has gone either to the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen or to the CK Foodbank.

Raab Park Youth Garden - the produce grown here is donated to Fishline in Poulsbo.

All of our gardens listed in these three sections donate thousands of pounds each year to local food banks and soup kitchens. We'll have a complete report of the poundage at the end of the growing season.

Heritage Garden and Kitsap Fair

In spite of the growing season this year - the MGs have been extremely busy in the Heritage Garden and also in the Open Class Hort section of the Kitsap Fair. Several thousand people went through both areas of the Fairgrounds this last week and many questions were answered.

It was not a good growing year and the entries in Open Class Hort were the lowest we've seen in more than 5 years. We heard from those entering who have gardened for years that it's the worst growing season in at least a decade.

Native Plant Sites

Work parties are conducted regularly at Buck Lake, Manchester State Park, Fish Park in Poulsbo and Anna Smith Park. Additionally MGs are involved at Anderson Landing and on a Native Plant area at Raab Park. There have been successful guided tours at all

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locations and MGs serve on the steering committees at Buck Lake and Fish Park in Poulsbo.

Rain Garden Mentor Program

WSU Kitsap Extension has received funding for the Rain Garden Mentor Program for the year 2011. We currently have 12 trained Rain Garden Mentors and hope to have at least 25-30 by the end of 2011. More info on this will be provided to the board and membership in the future.

State and County Budgets for 2011

Extension is still standing and the Master Gardener Program for Kitsap County will still be funded.

MG State Conference & Online Training

Don't forget the MG State Conference is this September 23 through 25. This is an excellent opportunity to network, learn and to interact with 200-300 MGs and their leaders in Washington State each year. It's still not too late to register. The conference is in Vancouver Washington.

MG Online training has been revised again. We will see the new program in November and there is also a new MG Manual coming out. Training for 2011 will be a combination of online work and face to face - still on Fridays. The training will begin on a Friday sometime between mid January and the first or second week in February. The planning is still in the process.

Fair Report:

Fair attendance was down this year but the Master Gardener booth was able to answer many questions for those who attended.

Congratulations to Fred Abrahamson for winning several awards, including best overall wine in the wine category! Cheers!

Garden Tours: Marialis Jurges and Joyia Rubens

September 10th, Mount Vernon outing has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

State Foundation Conference Raffle: Roland Malan

All the items for the raffle have been compiled and Roland will take them to the Conference. The basket includes two bottles of Fred's award winning wine.

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Business meetings: The last two meetings have been Executive Board meetings where the Strategic Plan was completed. This plan will be voted on at the Conference and adopted for 2010 through 2015. The document could be a model for Kitsap's Master Gardener's Foundation strategic long term planning.

Audit Committee: Martha Alexander per Jane Dower

The audit committee found some areas that will need to be addressed. See below.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

3rd Wednesday Seminars:

Kim Loucks will be unable to take over as the Seminar Chair. With no other suggestions on the table the new board will take on the task of finding a Seminar Chair person.

New Business:

Changes to "Committee Policy - Audit Committee"

Recommendations by Fred Abrahamson and Jane Dower

Motion # 1 Becky Croston moved that the wording to the policy be changed to reflect the change of audit period, now to read: "The Audit Committee shall examine annually the Treasurer's accounts for the previous calendar year." [The new audit period will be for the prior calendar year.] Fred Abrahamson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion # 2 Fred moved that the wording on the "Committee Policy" Audit be changed to read "The Audit Committee shall begin its examination of the Treasurer's accounts in April or May, after the MGFKC's income tax reports have been filed for the previous year." Roland Malan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Learning garden protocol for budgeting and spending was discussed. Receipts and signatures are a must on the reimbursement form. Mary-Cathern Edwards suggested garden leader's network together for gardening ideas and for sharing resources.

At the budget meeting for next year the board would like to see documentation for the proposed garden expenses to help with the budgeting process.

Agenda for the Annual Meeting September 15th

- Count all ballots / current membership list
- Bring food and gift exchange for socializing and making the meeting fun

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Yearly Reports:

All annual reports are due at the September 15th meeting to be presented to the membership.

Post Office Key:

Fred Abrahamson requested funding to get an additional key for the PO Box. The cost of an additional key is only \$10.00. Mary-Cathern motioned that we approve the request and Jim Rodman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM