



Master Gardener Foundation of Kitsap County

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June 19, 2017 Board Meeting Unapproved Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Marcia Harris called the monthly Master Gardener Foundation board meeting to order at 1:05pm at the Homebuilders office on Monday, June 19, 2017.

Board members in attendance were

Executive Board Members:

President Marcia Harris

Secretary John Andrews

Treasurer Joyce Schlote

Directors-at-Large:

Gayle Larson

Tom Boullion

Jackie Siler

Guests: Candice Gohn

Smile for the Day: Joyce related story regarding magazines in the waiting room. It brought smiles.

Today's Agenda: Joyce moved, Jackie seconded. Approved.

PRESENTATION: Candice Gohn, Jefferson County Master Gardener & State Board Officer. She explained the purpose of the state foundation. (Idaho, Oregon, California were all contacted but none have a state foundation.) Their focus is on providing good communications between county foundations. They also have a goal to raise a \$2 million endowment in order to cover the tuition for state conference for all attendees. Presently, there is \$17,000 saved on this long term goal. Registration for this year's state conference in Yakima is currently open. Each foundation is asked to donate five items for a raffle that will be donated to the endowment. There also will be a section that allows different foundations to share new ideas or projects they have started and appear to be successful. There also is a merchandise selling opportunity available.

CONSENT AGENDA—Tom moved, Gayle seconded. Approved.

Secretary's Report – John Andrews

April meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Joyce Schlote

The Treasurer's report of Assets and Profit and Loss was emailed to all members.

Horticulture Report—Colleen Miko: MG Program Coordinator

The May and June Horticultural reports were emailed to all board members.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications Committee: report was emailed.

Programs Committee (Tours & Seminars): report was emailed.



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Resource Committee: no report filed.

Nominating Committee: no report filed.

Audit Committee: no report filed.

Finance Committee: no report filed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Plant Sale Committee: report was emailed.

Plant Salvage Committee: no report filed.

2018 Committee Chairs: no reports.

FOUNDATION BUSINESS:

- 1. 2017 Plant Sale Recap.** Tom elaborated on the report that was sent to all board members. This year's event grossed \$17,890. Expenses for merchandise, rental of building and tables, etc. came to \$5,076 resulting in a net income of \$12,813. Most of merchandise sold out (\$1800). Plant sales alone was \$14,000. Fern sellers did well. Tom was at the exit door and heard lots of positive comments. The committee really "staffed up"—lots of folks were working in teams of two. One change next year will be the orientation for the shift change staff to help reduce confusion. There are thoughts about getting a food truck to sell to public. There was some confusion about the end of year inventory since things were being torn down at same time—that will be addressed.
- 2. Event Sponsorship Possibilities.** Marcia, Joyce and Colleen had a discussion about procuring sponsorships for some of our events. Very few restrictions are in place for MGFKC to pursue this avenue. It opens up many opportunities for future revenue. John mentioned that the non-profit that he worked for in Alaska depended heavily on local sponsorships. They discovered that many businesses already allocate a certain fund for sponsoring community events. Banks, Cellular providers, and airlines could be potential sponsors for the plant sale, clinics, learning gardens. A new MG volunteer has background in marketing and might be willing to research possible businesses.
- 3. Event Planning Income & Expenditure Template for Budget.** Joyce and Jackie are interested in developing this item.
- 4. "Kitsap Great Give" Recap—**Joyce recently received a check recently for \$2,224.59. This is the fourth year we have been involved. This year the amount was slightly higher than last year. Discussion involved asking the Strategic Planning Committee to determine whether we want to try to promote more participation in the future.
- 5. Website/Electronic Newsletter Vendor Change Progress Report.** Things seem to have been worked out and it is well received.
- 6. Future Garden Presentations.** Marcia talked with Raab Park and they may be on the agenda to present next meeting and is welcoming possible questions and areas to review.



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7. **Social Event for year-end celebration.**: Discussion about when to make that happen in the future to thank folks that have been putting a lot of energy into activities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Plant Salvage Team update**---John reported that with the departure of Amy Churchill, we are searching for more volunteers knowledgeable in horticulture to assist Linda Wells in scouting for future digs. Also we need a new scheduler (since this also was Amy's role). He has given Linda a short list of those who have attended the most digs last year to inquire if anyone would be interested in taking on some leadership roles with the PST. The leadership team is scheduled to meet on July 26 to review last year's results and plan for this next season.
2. **MGFKC 2017 Master Gardener Nominee**—Colleen sent out her recommendation to each board member for input.
3. **Strategic Planning Sub-Committee Meeting**—will be meeting within the next two weeks.
4. **Need for Seminar Co-Chair & Merchandising Chair**---Amy and Cathy Hawkins are stepping down and we will need two new co-chairs. We also need one chair for merchandising prior to graduation of new MGs. We have lots of potentials for chairpersons.
5. **United Way day of Caring**—Jackie reported that volunteers are coming to Raab Park to help with spreading dirt and chips on Friday June 23 as part of the United Way Program.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:32pm.

Next Meeting is Monday July 17 at 1:00pm.