

Date: September 15, 2011 Time: 6:45

Location: Jefferson County UW Extension **UPSTAIRS: room 103**

1. Call to order – 6:45

Introductions

2. Introduction to reorganization of the Board (Work Group) (Margaret)

The Board of Directors for the Jefferson County Master Gardener Volunteer Association met with a non-profit consultant over the summer, and made the following plan:

- Form a Work Group to meet thru fall to review the by-laws and assign responsibilities to 3-5 permanent committees.
- Based on diversity, experience, and past participation on committees, we asked Audray W, Barb S, and Gordon P to join this Work Group.
- Stagger the two-year terms for Secretary and Treasurer so they don't both change in the same year
- Add the position of Past President for a one-year term.
- Plan to spend less meeting time on "business", more time on Education and social interaction.

3. Voting for President-elect

Ron L nominated by Sue. Voted unanimously.

4. New Volunteer Service Policy (Bev)

As first announced last winter, in 2012 Jefferson County will have a formal policy for Volunteer hours and Education hours reporting. That preliminary policy was routed to members prior to the meeting.

Concerns raised in discussion included:

- How to fulfill the requirement for 20 hours of 'education related' work
- Requirement to register projects
- How to afford labeling or signage in areas that members work on
- Lack of general opportunities to work with Youth
- Need for volunteer opportunities for members that cannot do physical labor

The Work Group will review the proposed policy against the concerns raised and revise it to address them prior to addressing the By-Laws and Committee Structure.

5. Ideas for presenters: turn in to the Presenter Committee or Board member

Pass ideas on to Mary T – we have 3 already.

- Patty Bailey from Patty's Plants of Milton - Fall Garden preparation using organic material
- Marcia Carmichael, Author of "Putting Down Roots" - Gardening Insights from Wisconsin's Early Settlers. Marcia is the head Gardener at Old World Wisconsin.
- Mary Lou Santovec of Jefferson , author of "Wisconsin Gardens"

6. Year end business: dues, hours, project summaries

- Dues due to Mary : due by 12/1 - \$10 for members - \$5 for associate (non-voting)
- Hours due to Bev 10/3, hours due to state 10/21
- Project summary due to Bev 10/3, due to state 11/1 – theme " Educating the Next Generation of Gardeners"

- Grants – due 10/1 – proposed to do one for printing brochures for Hoard Rain Garden, and one to purchase labels for gardens that our members work in. Other ideas – send to Bev. Sue Z will write proposals.

7. Presentation by the Hollingers – How to Start a Vegetable Garden

References:

- Ball Blue Book guide to preserving, 2010 (ISBN 0972753702)
- Vegetable Gardener's Bible by Edward Smith, Storey Books, 2000 (ISBN 1580172121)
- Organic Gardening Magazine

8. Show, Tell or Ask –

Facebook page – we need to re-create this to make it generally available

Noted that we did send a "Thank You" to our August host –

9. Passing of the gavel to 2012 President – from Eve to Margaret

10. Motion to adjourn

.5 support, 1.0 education