

Jefferson County Master Gardener Volunteer Association Meeting

September 16, 2010

President Sue K called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm. Linda G made a motion to have the meeting come to order; Deb S seconded.

Everyone introduced himself or herself.

The minutes were read. Linda G made a motion to approve the minutes. Maryann D seconded.

MEETING:

OLD BUSINESS:

The master gardener volunteer and continuing education hour sheets are due October 1. You can drop them off tonight if you have them; if not, you can mail or email form by the due date.

Dennis B mentioned that there was still one multi-leaf cast left for someone to pick up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eve West mentioned that if you still need hours, or just want the experience, that you could help harvest seeds for the prairie restoration project. Email had been sent out and there are hard copies of what is involved being passed around.

The MAMGA garden journals are available for \$13.00 each. This is one of their biggest fundraisers and Diane K will pick up pre-ordered journals at the WIMGA face-to-face meeting on October 16. Please have your request and payment to Diane by October 9. Barb S explained more about what the journals were.

WIMGA has three levels of educational grants that we can apply for. Discussion about what to ask for followed. Dennis B mentioned a laptop that could be used for the plant advisors and training. Linda G recommended material for compost and/or teaching how to compost. Sue Z said that there would be a need for plants for the planned rain garden at Hoards Museum. Audray W brought up the idea of signage for JMGVA projects. It was decided to email these ideas, take a vote, and submit the top three ideas. Sue Z and Linda G volunteered to write the grants.

Sue K read the different choices of the committees, with an explanation of what they were. Judy F requested that another committee be added for publicity. Sue Z suggested combining this with the newsletter. She also said that we submit our events to the Union to put on their web site. Heidi J said that if we wanted any articles about the JCMGVA we send them through her – she has articles added to the Daily Union, Lake Mills, Palmyra, Cambridge, and Watertown papers.

Elections will be held tonight for President-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Nominations for treasurer were requested. Linda G nominated Mary T. Sue K nominated Barb S. A written vote was taken. Mary T is the treasurer for the next two years.

Nominations for secretary were requested. Connie P made a motion to nominate Bev D, Sue Z seconded. Since there were no more nominations, Bev D is secretary for the next two years. Dennis B brought to our attention the correct way to have done this vote, according to Roberts Rules of Order, was through general consent or unanimous vote.

Nominations for president-elect were requested. Sue K made a motion to nominate Margaret A; Maryann D seconded. Dennis B said that due to the unanimous ballot, Margaret A is the president-elect for the next year.

Sue K presented a gavel made by Dennis B and passed it on to Eve W, the current president-elect and president for the next year.

Discussion for presenter ideas for next year was next. Heidi J suggested Jim Stute, Rock County UW Extension Crops and Soil Agent. Ron L mentioned Tim Humphrey could talk about cutting and preparing flowers in October, February, or April. Sue Z suggested that members update us with information about their projects; also Roger Anderson was willing to talk about starting peonies from seed. Linda G asked if videos were allowed and has one called "Dirt". Allan L was interested in learning more about fruit tree trimming. Heidi J mentioned that Rebecca Harbut or Bob Tomesh would be a good speaker on this subject. Richard M brought up a woman in Milton that could speak about tissue culture.

Sue K thanked everyone for helping and making her year as president enjoyable.

Heidi J said that there was a volunteer opportunity request from the county board. The 175-year anniversary will be next year and they are looking for help with designing the landscape around the courthouse. There will be an email send out looking for volunteers. The maintenance would be taken care of by the courthouse employees.

Heidi also wanted an idea of how many people were interested in the advanced training course. It will be \$80 for the whole course or \$10 per class. There were nine individuals and one couple interested. Donna H volunteered to make the copies. If you are interested in taking an individual class, let Heidi know a week in advance so materials can be available.

Linda G made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Maryann D seconded.

SUPPORT: 1 hour

EDUCATION:

Heidi J presented a Power point about Plant ID and Classification. Heidi started by introducing herself with a brief overview of her background. There is certain information you need to gather about each plant that helps you identifies it – inventory of the plant parts, habitat, and is it woody or herbaceous. The presentation continued with the differences of leaves; terminology and arrangement of flowers; why Latin is used; and how to identify plants using keys. The presentation continued with trying to identify plants that people had brought with them.

EDUCATION – 1 hour