Jefferson County Master Gardener Volunteer Association Meeting
January 9, 2014 meeting minutes
Location: Jefferson County UW Extension Room 8-9

General Meeting - Called to order by President Dennis B at 6:45 pm
Introductions and seed saving experiences were shared.

REPORTS:
Approval of November 14, 2013 Minutes as written – Motion to approve, Ron L, seconded, Eve W and approved by membership

Treasurer's Report – Mary T reported current expenditures and balances. Mary also gave a $525 check to Vern G. as a JCMG donation toward the Jefferson High School Greenhouse Project which had been approved at the September 19, 2013 JCMG meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:
Details of the on-line Child Protection Training certification were provided and a motion was made by Sharon Schw and seconded by Sue K that this training be done as a group at the February or March JCMG meeting. Motion approved. Certificates of completion go to Judy S at Jefferson County Extension: JudyS@jeffersoncountywi.gov

Diane K encouraged all to purchase tickets for the quilt raffle at the WIMGA Annual Conference on March 28-29, 2014 in Appleton. Diane also reminded the membership that the Jefferson County Master Gardeners will be organizing and running the 2017 State WIMGA Conference. Ron L made a motion that we meet with the Dodge County MGs to jointly offer this conference which is typically a good fundraiser. Expenses and profits would be shared by both counties. Diane K seconded, and the motion was approved by the membership.

Sharon Sch and Sue K reported on the success of both the November Ft Atkinson and the December Jefferson Winter Market JCMG booths in advertising the presence of the Jefferson County Master Gardener program. Sharon also thanked Judy F and the Jefferson Rotary Park crew for consistently demonstrating to the public what Master Gardeners can do. Sue K was able to sell quite a few of the coconut fiber bricks to interested shoppers, thanks to the ribbons and bows added by Margaret A.

Mary T discussed the Proposed JCMG 2014 Budget with explanations for the membership. Sue W asked that the grants which were awarded to JCMG also be added to the line items and Ron L suggested that the scholarship item be utilized this year. A motion was made to pass the budget as presented with the suggested amendments by Diane K, seconded by Deb K and approved by the membership.

Sharon Sch reported that the 4 H Family Day will be on Saturday, February 8, and that she was again asked to participate for the JCMG.

NEW BUSINESS:
Bev D handed out ‘2014 MG Certified’ cards to those in attendance. Gift certificates to a garden center of choice will be awarded for reaching milestones in 2013 to the following people: 150 hours, Gordon P & Sue Str, 250 hours, Maggie S, 500 hours, Mike Hot & Mary T, 750 hours, Bev D.
Judy F suggested that the Spring JCMG Plant Sale be scheduled for the same weekend as the City-Wide Rummage Sale in Jefferson to improve profits from the sale.

Mary T suggested another option for fundraising might be to offer for sale a MG Cookbook with gardening tips and plant suggestions similar to Dane County’s annual calendars, but without the calendar restrictions.

Vern G mentioned that there will be many upgrades coming for next year’s WIMG Training. Those counties offering the current classes are still using the old training.

Dennis B reviewed the upcoming schedule of gardening events and Ron L suggested the Garden Visions event in Wausau on January 24-25, 2014. Go to [http://wimastergardener.org](http://wimastergardener.org) or [http://gardenvisions.org/](http://gardenvisions.org/)

Gordon P recommended the many hands-on classes and events at Olbrich Gardens which are offered at a discount to members.

Eve W also noted that the Punzel Ace Hardware store in Jefferson is going out of business and has good sale prices on garden related items.

Guest, Janet S H of the Jefferson Food Pantry requested help from JCMG with the many compostable leftovers which the Food Pantry must dispose of each month. Janet is hoping that a more environmentally friendly method could be worked out with the help of the Master Gardeners and the Jefferson Community Garden in Jefferson. Audray W offered assistance with this opportunity.

Move to adjourn, Ron L, seconded, Audray W. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting – **February 13, 2014**

Following the meeting Extension Agent Vern G greeted the membership and explained that Christine M was unable to give tonight’s talk due to an emergency. He then introduced Dennis B who gave a hands-on presentation on **Seed Saving**.

**Support time - 1 hour**    **Education -- 1 hour**