



Master Gardener Foundation of Thurston County Board Meeting Minutes: June 16, 2015

The May meeting was held at the Department of Health on Lilly Road in Olympia.

Present: Board members Julie Sandberg, president; Kaleen Cottingham, vice president; Cindy Hoover, president-elect; Linda Talen, treasurer; Devi Watson, member-at-large; and Cindy Morana, secretary. Nancy Mills, chair of the publicity committee, joined the first portion of the meeting. Also present were Cori Carlton, program manager and Suzannah Klaniecki, AmeriCorps volunteer.

1. Fundraising. Cindy M read Sandy's report on the fundraising opportunity with Limeberry. Board agreed to table this project until Sandy has the additional information she has requested.

2. Publicity. Julie has distributed draft guidelines. Nancy is willing to continue working as the contact with WSU (#3 on the guidelines), but is not interested in continuing as chairperson. Publicity needs volunteer(s) to distribute materials, handle media notification, and post images online. Julie will discuss opportunities to join the publicity committee at tonight's membership meeting.

3. Approval of minutes. Kaleen moved, Cindy H seconded, and the May 13 minutes were approved.

4. Treasurer's Report.

YTD Income: \$22,458.10

YTD Expenses \$11,796.84

Current Assets \$91,385.76

Linda reported plant sale expenses were \$2810.22, and net income was \$17,070.28, a new record. Kaleen moved to accept the treasurer's report, Cindy H seconded, and the report was accepted.

5. State Foundation. Julie led the discussion regarding award; board will plan to make a nomination for 2017. Convention is in Vancouver and five items are needed for the raffle. Cindy H will check with handicrafts and other committees to identify items, then Julie will work with Sandy to procure the remaining number.

6. Membership meeting. We were saddened to hear of the death of Idie Ulsh, who is our planned speaker tonight. Julie will organize table topics for the membership. The quorum to vote on the proposed bylaws is 12. If passed, Kaleen will provide a final document to Roy for posting.

7. Bylaws. In addition to the proposal in front of the membership tonight, Kaleen has suggested changes to address the issue of staggered election years. Board will plan to discuss this topic at our next meeting.

8. Nominations. We will be electing a member-at-large, a vice president, and a treasurer-elect at the end of this term. Julie will announce a call for nominations at tonight's membership meeting.

9. Website. Roy and Bev are doing fantastic work. Please see the chart Roy has provided.

10. Blooming Bingo. Scheduled early this year, to accommodate our emcee, Bingo is set for August 27 at Lacey Community Center. Toni has volunteers finding prizes and desserts. There will not be a raffle.

11. Handicrafts and Retail. We have been having great sales, and we will discuss this topic at the membership meeting tonight.

12. Program.

a. Cori announced the 2015 MG training is completed, and 30 have “graduated.” Cori also noted that at next Wednesday’s cluster meeting, they will discuss counties plant sales. Cindy H plans to attend.

b. Suzannah will be with us only 60 more days. Her first “apartment gardening” workshop was well attended, with 10 participants; 12 are already signed up for the next workshop, on “make and take tomato buckets.” Suzannah advised the board that here are several different variations of AmeriCorps programs, depending on sponsorship. Costs and terms may vary. [Please see below.]

13. July 8 Board Meeting. After some discussion, it was agreed to keep the July 8 meeting on our schedule. Two items that should be included in that agenda are (a) potluck picnic at Dirtworks August 6, which the Foundation and MG program co-sponsor, and (b) AmeriCorps options and funding.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Submitted by Cindy Morana, secretary
June 19, 2015