



Master Gardener Foundation of Thurston County

Board Meeting Minutes, January 13, 2016

The meeting was held at WSU Thurston County Extension and called to order by President Cindy Hoover at 5:40 p.m.

Present: Cindy Hoover, President, Julie Sandberg, Past-President; Linda Talen, Treasurer; Charley Barron, Vice-President; Kerry Norem, Treasurer-elect; Cori Carlton, Program Coordinator; Rita Gallerani, Publicity Chairperson.

Minutes

There were several corrections to the December 2 Board meeting and the December 8 Annual Meeting minutes. The Board agreed to table any action until the drafts could be re-routed for approval at the February 10 Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report as of December 30, 2015

YTD Income \$33664.07
YTD Expenses \$34,180.89
Current Assets \$80,062.47

Charley moved and Julie seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion Carried

Board Reports

- State Rep Report: Sandy had distributed a written report. Good news that Yakima County has agreed to host the 2017 State Master Gardener Conference.
- Vice President (fundraising /publicity coordination): Charley will contact fundraising committees to determine if the issuance of gift cards would help with the need to make purchases out of personal accounts and seek reimbursement.
- Member-At-Large: Candace has already confirmed speakers for the February 23 (Black Hills Audubon on Gardening for Birds), April 19 and June 21 Membership meetings;
- Past President: Julie reported on the new Board Orientation held January 3rd; she is also organizing her records and will provide documents to Linda Talen for the backup hard drive.

Committee Reports

Publicity: Rita led a discussion on selecting photos for the Plant Sale poster and Foundation bookmarks describing upcoming member meetings and activities. She will be making contact with various retail outlets and media to determine how to meet their requirements for posting of notices about Foundation public events.

Bloomin Bingo: Committee meets on January 15 to finalize the fall date for Bloomin' Bingo.

Program Report

Cori reported that 28 folks have signed up for the Master Gardener 2016 program which begins on January 22, 2016. Nine MG's have signed up to serve as mentors. Cindy agreed to give the Foundation welcome at the January 29 intern training session. One of the Foundation's Annual goals is to assist the Program with a joint MG/MRC event. The coordination with SPSCC hasn't worked out so Cori asked for Foundation support to continue with a proposed one day event using the Westwood Baptist Church on the westside. They have several rooms for concurrent speakers and more than adequate parking. Rent is \$75 per room for an all-day training, total is \$225. The Board agreed to proceed with reserving the

facility for Saturday, April 23 and title the event “Spring Greening”. Cori will be recruiting speakers for 6 or 9 classes. The Board agreed to charge \$5 for the day. This one day event could take the place of several stand-alone events to provide outreach to the public.

New Business

1. Review of foundation insurance: Linda Talen will see if our insurance agent can attend the next Board meeting to give an overview of our insurance coverage.
2. Refresher for Reimbursement procedure: Table until next meeting
3. Annual Goals (individual responsibilities): Board to review and discuss next meeting
4. Communication with foundation members: Table until next meeting

Old Business

1. Foundation Survey/Membership form: Cori has distributed the MG recommitment form which has questions regarding interests. The Foundation is preparing to resend their annual membership renewal form which also has questions about individual interests. In future, new software being purchased could combine the two queries and make information sharing much easier.
2. Property Donation: The WSU Foundation is working with George Cowan on his property donation for his will. The language is being finalized and will require that the Foundation and Thurston County MG Program be part of future decisions for the property once the WSU Foundation acquires the property.
3. Amazon Smile: Kaleen Cottingham signed the Foundation up to receive dividends from purchases at this website. The Foundation will prepare a notice for the Friday Flash and for the Website to notify members of this opportunity in addition to the Fred Meyer benefits.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Westrup
Secretary