



Master Gardener Foundation of Thurston County Board Meeting Minutes: March 11, 2015

The March meeting was held at the WSU Thurston County Extension Office and called to order by Julie Sandberg at 5:40 p.m.

Present: Board members Julie Sandberg, president; Kaleen Cottingham, vice president; Devi Watson, member-at-large; and Cindy Morana, secretary. Also present were Cori Carlton, program manager and Suzannah Klaniecki, AmeriCorps volunteer.

1. Approval of minutes. Kaleen moved to adopt the 2-11-15 Board minutes; Devi seconded. Those minutes were adopted. Kaleen moved to adopt the 2-24-15 membership meeting minutes; Devi seconded. Those minutes were adopted.

2. Treasurer's Report. In Linda's absence, Julie reviewed the Treasurer's report.

2015 YTD expenses as of February 2015	\$2,405.61
2015 YTD income as of February 2015	\$1,242.27
Total assets as of February 2015	\$79,561.16

We still need the January 2015 spreadsheet for the record. Kaleen moved and Devi seconded a motion to adopt the Treasurer's report with a title change on the 2015 Budget vs Actual to "as of February 28, 2015." The Treasurer's report was adopted as amended.

3. State Foundation. Sandy sent a written report in advance. She will be attending the State Foundation meeting March 20 in Longview. The State Foundation has posted a new template for agreements between WSU Extension and the county foundations. Cori noted we are in the process of updating our agreement. Kaleen will use that template to draw up a new draft. Cori noted the survey has been withdrawn and is being re-written to tailor it to Foundations.

4. Committees. Julie reported on work in the several committees:

- a. Nancy (publicity) has bookmarks ready; Julie distributed them to each of us.
- b. Posters for the plant sale are in process. Midge is pleased about progress on the plant sale and is researching credit card payment options.
- c. Many thanks to Diane for her work on membership.
- d. Website revisions are going well, many thanks to Roy and Bev. Board members please take a moment to review the website.
- e. Blooming Bingo is also going well. It will be held this year at the Lacey Community Center. The program will no longer include a raffle but will add more "special" bingo games.

4. Program Report.

- a. Suzannah will repeat her Carnivorous Plants workshop on March 12. She is developing a "Ferns" workshop for March 24 at 1:00pm.
- b. Cori made several reports:

i. Cori met with Dirt Works and Closed Loop gardens. Roof repairs are underway at Closed Loop. Next year there may be a budget item for a new roof. The Gazebo at Dirt Works, a city-owned structure, is leaking. The City is considering options.

ii. Garden Committee members are engaging volunteer hosts at the sites.

iii. We will not have a booth at The Big Home and Garden Show this year, even though the organizers agreed to waive the fee. We do not have sufficient lead-time. We should consider this soon for possible participation next year.

iv. AmeriCorps applications are due March 23. The Board discussed sharing half the \$6400 cost again by providing \$3200 from the Foundation for 10-1-15 through 8-15-16. Kaleen moved and Devi seconded that we fund that request. Motion adopted.

v. MOU with Olympia Farmer's Market. Please note there are two foundations for the OFM: Friends of the OFM works on capital campaigns and the second foundation addresses operations. It is this second foundation with which we are developing an MOU. Cori will help with details as we proceed with developing the MOU. She distributed a new company brochure showing small buildings to replace the clinic building at the OFM and requests we pick one; she will put together a price sheet.

vii. Cori is hosting the June cluster meeting, date TBD. Focus for the program segment will be summer outreach, for the foundation segment the focus will be plant sales.

6. Old Business.

a. Ways to shorten the length of MGFTC board meetings were discussed, including the use of time boxes, consent agenda, and email discussion prior to meetings.

b. The next Board meeting is scheduled April 8, but we expect a quorum cannot be present on that date. Julie will proceed with rescheduling to April 14 or 15.

c. Kaleen has received suggested changes and will re-send revised draft bylaws for review before our next meeting. Please note that the board's intention has been to encourage MG and MRC trainees to participate in the foundation by making them "honorary" members rather than to "waive" their membership fees. Previous discussions may have left the distinction unclear.

d. Seven people have signed up for the garden tour, "Seasonal Transformations" on March 14 at Nancy Mill's garden. Julie will bring membership materials with her in case others wish to participate and join the MGFTC.

e. It was agreed that due to the potential for widespread distribution of multiple versions, we should not change the reimbursement form at this time; rather, when we next find a revision necessary, we should consider adding the logo and address.

7. Policies and Procedures. Devi will incorporate suggestions and we will review them prior to our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.