



Master Gardener Foundation of Thurston County Board Meeting Minutes: September 23, 2015

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

Present: Board members Julie Sandberg, president; Cindy Hoover, president-elect; Linda Talen, treasurer; Kaleen Cottingham, vice president; and Devi Watson, member-at-large. Cori Carlton, program coordinator was also present.

Minutes

Kaleen moved and Devi seconded to approve the Aug. 12, 2015, board minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report as of Aug. 31, 2015:

YTD Income \$28,606.01 YTD Expenses \$21,486.56 Current Assets \$87,843.95

Kaleen moved and Devi seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. It was also reported that Bloomin Bingo grossed \$4595 and netted \$3540.87. Last year's net was \$1834.05.

State Foundation Report

Sandy Atkinson was not present at the meeting to give a report, but had emailed a report late today to the board members. Twelve county Master Gardeners attended the state conference in Vancouver, counting Cori. All who went agreed it was a great conference with excellent speakers. There will be no conference next year as no county volunteered to host. To date there is no host for 2017 state conference; however, Portland, OR will host the international conference in July of 2017.

Committee Reports

Plant Sale will be Saturday, 9/27, from 10-3.

Website – Julie has asked Bev Postman to post pictures of marked up toolbox stolen from DirtWorks after the last break in.

Nominations – Kaleen has a slate of candidates which will be voted on at the Dec. 8 annual meeting. Positions to be filled are vice president, treasurer-elect and member at large. Nominations will also be welcomed from the floor.

Program Report

Cori reported there were 20 applicants for the MRC training which will begin next Thursday. Speakers have been set up. She is working on 2016 MG training and has some new ideas which she is considering. There have also been numerous requests for services from both internal and external sources. Without AmeriCorps assistance, she has a much larger workload. She and Julie presented a list of tasks that could possibly be done by a MG or MRC volunteer which had been done by either Cori or the AmeriCorps intern. There was much discussion regarding how the Foundation could provide support and prioritize necessary activities for the next few months.

Cori will attend the Cluster Meeting in Chehalis on 10/8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. She will leave the office at 9:15 and welcomes any board member to attend with her. Each cluster meeting has both program and foundation topics discussed.

Awards Dinner, 11/19, 6 p.m. It is currently scheduled for the fairgrounds but this may change. A letter will go out to the membership regarding the need for award nominations, etc. Nominations need to be back by 10/12 for discussion at the 10/14 board meeting. Cori is checking on the availability of the Lacey Community Center instead of the fairgrounds.

Secretary's Position

Kaleen moved and Devi seconded to appoint Laura Westrup to fill the unexpired term created by Cindy Morana's resignation. Motion carried.

Important Future Dates

October 21 – Board retreat, 4:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. The purpose is to focus on goals and objectives for next year.

Saturday, Nov. 21, 10 am. Julie Sandberg's home. Focus on budget.

Nov. 19 – Awards dinner, 6 p.m. Place TBD.

Dec. 8 – Annual meeting and holiday party at the Health Dept. Potluck begins at 5:30 p.m.

In the interest of time, items under Old Business (property donation and sponsorship policy) will be tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Hoover
Secretary Pro Tem