



Master Gardener Foundation of Thurston County

Board Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2016

The meeting was held at WSU Thurston County Extension and called to order by President Cindy Hoover at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Board members Cindy Hoover, President, Julie Sandberg, Past -President; Charley Barron, Vice -President; Linda Talen, Treasurer; Kerry Norem, Treasurer-elect, Laura Westrup, Secretary; Cori Carlton, Program Coordinator.

Ben Houk with Nicholson & Associates provided a presentation related to policy coverage and the Master Gardener Foundation's assets. Mr. Houk provided an insurance summary handout and discussed with the board various property, general liability and auto coverage options for the premium.

Minutes

Motion to approve the December 2, 2015 minutes. Julie moved and Linda seconded to accept the December board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the December 8, 2015 minutes. Linda moved and Charley seconded to accept the December Annual Membership Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the January 13, 2016 minutes. Cori made corrections to the January board meeting minutes. Charley moved and Julie seconded to accept the January board meeting minutes as amended by Cori. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2016:

YTD Income	\$50.00
YTD Expenses	\$603.01
Current Assets	\$79,554.67

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

State Foundation Report

There was no report.

Vice President Report

Charley updated efforts related to the Dirt Works Plant Sale Committee and Bloomin' Bingo.

Member-At-Large Report

Candace provided a report through the President. Speakers have been confirmed for the next three membership meetings. The December membership meeting room location has not been confirmed yet.

Past President Report

Julie provided an update to efforts working with the website team regarding retail products offered for sale by the foundation. A problem solving discussion related to the website and how to improve the distribution of clothing articles ensued. Julie discussed committee chair responses to request for assistance. The Chairs of the Handicrafts and Retail committees expressed their need for replacement in the next year. New Publicity Chairperson Rita Gallerani could use more volunteers

to assist with publicity efforts. The Board will prepare notices for the Friday Flash to encourage new participation in these committees.

Committee Reports

Publicity –Cori displayed the graphic artist proofs for the Save the Date Bookmarks and for the Plant Sale posters and asked for others to proof them after the meeting. Cori noted that this committee needs assistance.

Membership – Diane reported through Cindy that there are 76 members, seven are new memberships. A discussion related to the MG Recommitment form occurred. Cori noted that members of the MRC program will soon be sent the recommitment form.

Website – Nothing new to report.

Plant Sale – The plant sale committee will begin work at Dirt Works on February 24, 2016.

Handicrafts – Nothing new to report. Cindy reiterated that this committee needs assistance.

Retail – Kerry discussed the clothing items and suggested methods to promote the various articles for sale. Kerry reiterated the need to get a replacement for her chairperson position as she takes on Treasurer-elect responsibilities.

Bloomin' Bingo – Toni reported through Cindy that the event will occur on September 15, 2016 at the Lacey Community Center.

Nominations – Nothing new to report.

Program Report

Cori reported that the MG Recommitment forms are due to WSU on February 12, 2016.

Cori reported that the MG training is going well, having finished three back-to-back Friday classes. Soon the training schedule will shift to every other week. The last day of training will be June 3, 2016.

Cori reported that the Question and Answer clinic will reopen on February 16, 2016.

Cori provided an overview of the April 23, 2016 Spring Greening educational event. There have been two planning meetings. The event will take place at the Westwood Baptist Church and there will be a \$5 admission fee. Nine educational sessions and 7-9 demonstrations and/or information tables are being planned. There will be three levels of sessions: introductory, medium and advanced. Three MRC sessions have been proposed and sessions that would be 'kid friendly' will be highlighted in the program schedule. Cori discussed the need for volunteer assistance. A schedule of proposed sessions was handed out.

Cori reported that Sandy will not be able to attend the cluster meeting of neighboring county Master Gardener groups on February 11, 2016. The next State Foundation meeting will take place in Port Townsend on March 11, 2016.

Old Business

The Amazon Smile reward credit program was discussed. The Foundation has completed and submitted the application to Amazon. An update for the Friday Flash will be prepared to inform members of this opportunity. Linda Talen will work on a handout for the membership meeting.

New Business

The 2016 Annual Goals were reviewed and individual roles discussed.

Communication with foundation members. Charley moved and Julie seconded to postpone this item to a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Westrup
Secretary