# Ozaukee Master Gardeners Minutes of the June General Meeting Ozaukee County Administration Center, Port Washington, WI 7:00 PM, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

#### "Patrick Cudahy and Roses" Program

An educational program was presented by Bruce Bahr on Roses and Patrick Cudahy. He is known for his knowledge about roses and his beautiful rose garden in Port Washington. It is located at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Walters.

Bruce originally created this program for Kenosha's Public Museum in honor of their Gateway Roses Exhibit. When you think of Patrick Cudahy, you usually think of meat. However, early in his life he worked for a nursery. This interest in plants continued throughout his life and brought him many rose awards. He was also on the board that started Boehrner Botanical Gardens.

#### Call to order at 8:00 PM -- President Jerry Nelson.

Jerry introduced Steph Plaster the new interim Ag Agent for Ozaukee and Washington Counties. He also introduced Kathy Butler, who works with the 4-H. She is generally in the office from 7-11 a.m. You can reach her on Dan's phone number.

# Minutes of the March 28th meeting—Kay Krier

The minutes were approved as distributed by e-mail.

#### **Treasurer's Report—Joy Schultz**

Joy's report was approved as presented.

The plant sale took in \$47,500. So far, our expenses are \$34,888. This is a preliminary report. There are still some outstanding invoices.

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

#### 2016 Project Committee Reports—Cindy Behlen-- V.P. Project Committees

#### ADVOCATES OF OZAUKEE - Kathleen Doenier, Chair

Our volunteers have put in some solid hours of planting and maintenance at Advocates of Ozaukee; both clients and staff have expressed their appreciation for the spring beauty the gardens have provided. Flats of Switch Grass, Little Blue Stem, Prairie Dropseed, and Butterfly Weed will be transplanted onto the hillside next month. Preparing for that day will keep us busy in the meantime. We always welcome anyone interested to join us. Please contact Kathleen Doenier.

# ALL ABOUT HERBS - Kathleen Awe & Denise Nelson

No report submitted.

# **HEIRLOOM PLANT SALE- Jane Spaulding**

Few problems but ready to hear all suggestions, comments. (Eval Meeting was on Tuesday, 6/21)

Please turn in job descriptions as soon as possible...and my thanks to those who have already done so.

Thanks for lots of hard work by so many members, family, and friends.

Final profits looking very good...official numbers soon.

Reminder that it's not too soon to step up for next year:

Event Coordinator (Jane S) and Volunteer Coordinator (Connie Baldwin) are both available.

# **KUHEFUSS HOUSE- Susie Granzow**

We had 2 workdays since April – mostly weeding, some planting. The new hydrangeas survived their first winter and have tiny lacecap buds.

# LASATA HORTICULTURAL THERAPY-Judy O'Connell & Diane Strobel No report submitted.

#### **OZAUKEE COUNTY FAIR-Cindy Behlen & Jim Layton**

Our committee is on the home stretch of pulling together the details for the booth. We've had to scrap our hopes for a demo bee hive, but still hoping someone will discover some Monarch eggs for a "Monarch Nursery". Otherwise, we have lots of handouts prepared, door prizes in place, and now working on staffing the booth with volunteers for five days. That's where we need lots of volunteers. An email was sent out to the membership last week, and I've only heard from very few folks. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the room, so please find a time slot that works for you.

Also, Jim and I are resigning our positions as County Fair Co-chairs at the close of this year's fair. We are quite busy on the Exec Board as well as other projects, and feel it's time to turn over County Fair at this time. We would really like you to give this project some serious consideration, and we are both available to coach and mentor whoever takes it on. Now is a great time to "shadow" us to learn as we go through this year's fair. We are willing to be ON the committee in the future, just not CO-CHAIR the committee. Please talk to us to learn more about what the project entails. It really is a great public education event, and we'd hate to see OMG's participation in County Fair suspend as it had a few years ago.

#### PIONEER VILLAGE-Cathy Cabelka

Our spring clean- up went well with about 10 volunteers attending. We trimmed, weeded and reviewed the beds. Several members are working on updating the herb brochure which will be ready mid-summer. The historical society has the ability to print in color so a photo of the herb bed will be added to the brochure. We met the new caretakers who are very enthusiastic to work with us. A planting, weeding date was held in early June and our next work date in July is on the OMG calendar. All are welcome to attend.

#### PORT TRIANGLE GARDEN-Jean Schanen & Heidi Janous

No report submitted

#### **TENDICK PARK-Susie Granzow**

Most of our work in the herb beds has been weeding. Lady's Mantle and Rue was divided and planted at Pioneer Village and Kuhefuss House. LaVonne added compost to the vegetable garden and planted an assortment of vegetables. The perennial asparagus, tarragon, garlic, and rhubarb are looking great.

#### USS LIBERTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY (Grafton)-Joan Suelflow & Susan Spatz

No report submitted.

# WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN-Mary Reilly-Kliss

No report submitted.

# WEBSTER SCHOOL TEACHING GARDEN-Stan Suring & Marion Kanack

The last six weeks have been a very busy time for the Webster Green team; we needed to meet weekly in order to complete the tasks required to get the garden planted before the end of the school year.

- Finishing touches were made to the new perimeter fencing including the construction and install of two gates
- Eight yards of wood chips were spread on the pathways between the beds
- Three yards of top soil were added to the existing beds
- Two new beds were constructed: one planted with raspberry bushes and the other with strawberry plants.
- All but two of the existing beds were then planted with seeds and transplants.
- The remaining two beds were reserved for planting in June for two summer programs for pre K children (aka "the little sprouts")
- Families of the Green Team members were each asked to sign up for a week during the summer to weed, water and harvest any crops that were ripe.

#### Cindy pleaded for

- Volunteers to work at the County Fair. It's a great way to pick up service hours.
- We also need people to replace Jane and Connie on the Plant Sale Project.
- Jim Layton and Cindy Behlen are resigning their County Fair Positions. They've each served 3 years.
- Lou Hefle is also resigning from the Education Committee after years of serving on it.
- The hospitality committee needs people to bring refreshments each month.
- We also need someone to replace Volunteer Hours Keeper and Recorder, Joette Slaasted. Please contact Heidi Janous, <a href="mailto:Heidi.janous@delta.com">Heidi.janous@delta.com</a>, if you are interested.

#### **Operations Committees**

#### **Education, Lou Hefle**

Nothing to report (Except that Lou is resigning from this position.)

Hospitality, Carolyn MacLaurin and Nancy Byers

Thanks to everyone who brought refreshments tonight. A sign-up sheet for future meetings is in the back.

# Membership, Heidi Janous and Jean Schanen

The Membership committee has finalized the plans for the summer garden crawl which is scheduled for July 21st with the first stop being at the Webster school garden project and moving on to Lavonne and Stan Suring's home to enjoy their gardens and wonderful food. The invitation has been sent via the List

Serve. Everyone should have received it. Please remember to make your reservation by emailing or calling Heidi Janous no later than Monday, July 11.

Other Membership issues have arisen and we will be looking for someone to volunteer to be the Volunteer Hours Keeper and Recorder. Joette Slaasted, who did an excellent job of reorganizing and recording all of the volunteer hours this past year, has indicated that she will no longer be able to do the job due to an anticipated move. This is an excellent position for someone who likes to work with numbers and databases. Any person who is interested in learning more about the position should please email Heidi Janous heidi.janous@delta.com

Membership would like to remind all Master Gardeners to continue to log your hours as you do them so that our records can be as complete as possible.

#### Newsletter, Roseann St. Aubin

We are still about a month away from the first call for material for the summer issue, which usually comes out late August or early September. But I would ask that members forward to me anything they already have, such as:

- -Book reviews
- -Garden recipes
- -Articles on garden tours
- -Pictures and articles from the County Fair crew.

#### Publicity, Jean Schanen

Nothing to report.

#### Website, De Murr

De reports that she is behind on getting things posted, but should get that straigtened out by the end of

the week. She has some lovely pictures to post along with board reports.

# Yard & Garden Line (YGL), Maxine Ellis-Online and Kathleen Awe-Office

Kathleen reports: Yard and Garden line is in full swing on Thurs afternoons. Come and visit us. See

what we do. Maybe you would like to join us.

Maxine reports: We did get a new online volunteer that we are happy about, but we could use more. We

have been getting several interesting gardening questions and some questions about the next Master

Gardener's Level 1 Training.

# **Old Business**—

Susie Gransow asked that people responding to the Garden Crawl message also designate which location they would like to meet the bus. The bus will pick up at the Courthouse at 5:30 and at the highway C Cedarburg exit at 5:45. Your response helps them know who to meet there.

# **New Business**

No new business (Just one of Jerry's jokes.)

Adjournment—8:45

Next General Meeting—August 25, 2016