

Ozaukee Master Gardeners
Minutes of the General Meeting at Ozaukee County Administration Center
Auditorium in Port Washington
June 25, 2015

From 7 to 7:45 p.m., our guest speaker, Mary Ann Ihm of Wellspring presented a program about farms and gardens in Cuba and shared her experiences while in Cuba.

President Mary Reilly-Kliss called the general meeting to order at 7:56 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes (Jean Schanen) from April 23, 2015 general meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report (Pat Moreland) Pat gave an update on financials, including a summary of financials from the plant sale. As of this date she noted that the plant sale netted approximately \$12,000 in profit, but income and expenses are not final. She reminded committee chairpersons to use the tax-exempt number when making purchases. The report was unanimously approved.

Agent's Report – Dan O'Neil

Dan was not present; therefore there was no agent's report.

Project Committee Reports – (M.LynnSchmid)

Lynn announced that Lammscapes has donated a mulch rake and pens for the Ozaukee County Fair.

Advocates: (Kathleen Doenier, Michele Thur) Kathleen reported that the shrubs & trees planted last year are thriving on the side hill. They will be attacking the pests on the roses lining the path and their creative team is working on a design for plantings around the office buildings newly constructed meeting room.

All About Herbs: (Kathleen Awe, Denise Nelson) Kathleen reports the "All About Herbs" series was very successful. They will start planning the 2016 series in fall.

Kuhfuss House: (Susie Granzow) Susie reports that four people attended the pruning workshop in May. Her team has also done spring cleanup, planted 24 herbs in the kitchen garden, planted the fountain, spread compost from their own bin, fertilized the roses and did research on shade plants to replace the dead lilacs.

Lasata: (Judy O'Connell, Diane Strobel) Judy shared that Tom Urban and Tom Nelson built two lovely planters this spring and the residents are enjoying working in them due to the easy access to the plants. The strawberry patch was very productive and provided much enjoyment to the residents of Lasata. All the gardens are looking great and none have suffered any damage yet due to the building renovation being done at Lasata.

Ozaukee County Fair: (Cindy Behlen, Jim Layton) Jim reports that the fair is about a month away and they still need volunteers. A sign up sheet with times and dates is on the table in the back. This year's theme is small space gardening. Cindy is handling the scheduling, and Jim is available for general questions at the meeting or via email.

Pioneer Village: (Cathy Cabelka) Cathy reports that the team planted & weeded the first week in June. Everything looks wonderful. They decided to do some lasagna gardening during their July meeting to help with weed maintenance.

Plant Sale: (Jane Spaulding, Connie Baldwin) Jane informed the group that a “post mortem” plant sale meeting will be held on Monday, June 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium to discuss and review comments concerning the plant sale.

Port Triangle Garden: (Jean Schanen, Heidi Janous) No report from Jean or Heidi. Lynn reported seeing the team working a number of times at the garden.

Tendick: (Susie Granzow) Susie reports that eight bags of composted manure were spread in the vegetable garden and that vegetables and herbs were added. The invasive tansy has been removed and hollyhocks have been added. Weeding and mulching is ongoing.

U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library, Grafton: (Sue Spatz, Joan Suelflow) Joan reports that the garden is planted & mulched, weeded & watered. It is looking great and if there is anyone wishing to join the group of volunteers to please contact Joan.

Washington County Community Gardens: (Mary Reilly-Kliss) Mary reported that the potatoes are in bloom, garlic plants are setting scapes and the community strawberry plants are producing. They continue in their efforts to keep the field horsetail under control. They use a committee of “weed walkers” to survey the plots weekly and send emails to those gardeners whose plots and/or paths are in need of weeding.

Webster Middle School: (Stan Suring) Webster Middle School is closed for summer break. No updates are available from Stan and the Green Tem at Webster.

Operations Committees Report – Erin Schanen

Education: (Lou Hefle) Lou presented information on the August 22 workshop that will be held at Fransee Garden Center in Saukville. The workshop will be constructing a wind chime using copper, bells and beads. No tools will be required. There is room for only 35 people and the cost is set at \$20. A reservation notice will be sent via the list server. Details on the December project will follow.

Lou also reported that the Library Project was a huge success. Librarians from six children’s librarians requested gardening related books. Each library was sent a certificate for \$75.00 to purchase books. This year’s library storyboard presentation deals with buckthorn. The Neiderkorn Library in Port Washington (the first of five libraries) is currently displaying the materials.

Hospitality: (Carolyn MacLaurin, Nancy Byers) Carolyn thanked people who bought treats and asked members to sign up at the back table for the August meeting.

Membership: (Heidi Janous, Jean Schanen) no report.

Newsletter: (Roseann St. Aubin) Solicitation for articles and photos for the summer edition will begin in August. Publication is tentatively set for early September. The editor requests members consider contributing material about their summer gardening escapades, as well as book reviews and recipes. The editor will contact those individuals who volunteered to help with the newsletter by email.

Publicity: (Jean Schanen) Press release was sent to media and garden club contacts promoting the guest speakers for the April meeting.

Website: (De Murr) De reports that she continues to post committee meetings and other events as requested.

Yard & Garden Line (YGL): (Maxine Ellis – online and Kathleen Awe-office) no report.

Old Business

Jane Spalding gave an update on the plant sale. She reported that the sale was very successful with higher totals than in previous years. During the post mortem plant sale meeting on Monday, June 29 she will share interesting figures on the success of the Kaleidoscope Garden table as well as the use of the coupon, which was used in many ways and needs to be re-evaluated. She noted that 200 people used the coupon. Following the close of the meeting the leftover silverware art will be available for purchase.

New Business

Garden Crawl: Mary said that the summer garden crawl was being planned and that information regarding date and place will be coming soon.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Schanen, Secretary

Mark your calendars!

2015 OMG general meeting programs: 7 p.m. at the Ozaukee County Administration Center Auditorium in Port Washington (unless otherwise stated)

- **August 27, General Mtg.** Native Plants, Dan Boelhke
- **September 24, General Mtg.** Pine View Animal Rehabilitation, Jeanne Lord
- **October 22, General Mtg.** Landscape Design, Carrie Hennessy
- **No November 2015 meeting because of Thanksgiving**
- **December date and location to be determined**

Other upcoming programs:

- **Aug. 22 - Artistic Wind Chime Workshop: 9:30 am - 12:00** Fransee Garden Center, Saukville (reservations required)
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