

**Ozaukee Master Gardeners**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting at Ozaukee County Administration Center**  
**Auditorium in Port Washington**  
**August 27, 2015**

From 7 to 8:10 p.m., our guest speaker, Dan Boelke presented a program on Native Plants of Wisconsin

President Mary Reilly-Kliss called the general meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.

**Minutes**

The minutes (Jean Schanen) from June 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. Treasure's report was unanimously approved.

**Agent's Report – Introduction of Kate Pawasarat, Interim Agent**

Kate is the new Community Development Director and will work the Master Gardener program. She stated that a Visioning Session would be held to determine the needs of the county prior to hiring new personnel. It was stated that MG training had not been scheduled for 2016.

**Project Committee Reports – (M.LynnSchmid)**

To allow more time for other topics Lynn's report was sent to all members via the list serve prior to the meeting and will be posted on the web site.

**Advocates:** (Kathleen Doenier, Michele Thur) The group is gearing up for managing the Rockwell's Day of Caring volunteers. This event happens in mid-September. They coordinate all things garden/plant and landscape related.

**All About Herbs:** (Kathleen Awe, Denise Nelson) Kathleen reports the "All About Herbs" series was very successful. The topics for the 2016 series are: Soups, Raw Foods, and Peppers (the herb of the year). The lecture dates are March 15, April 16 and May 5.

**Kuhefuss House:** (Susie Granzow) Susie and her volunteers continue to dedicate their efforts to the gardens and invite people to stop at the house to admire the gem in the heart of downtown Cedarburg.

**Lasata:** (Judy O'Connell, Diane Strobel) Judy reported that all gardens on the south side of the building were redesigned and replanted this past fall resulting in a huge improvement. They still need to replace two Japanese Maples. Two new handicapped accessible planters were also built for the residents. Due to building renovation at Lasata, the hostas along the east wing had to be dug and temporarily transplanted to a new location. A square walking trail with a garden on each corner was completed this summer and will be in need to have a fourth garden planted on the last corner.

**Ozaukee County Fair:** (Cindy Behlen, Jim Layton) Cindy send a huge Thank You to everyone who helped make this year's *Small Space Gardening* booth at the fair a successful presentation. The new booth is lighter and relatively easy to put up. The new booth location inside of the commercial building gave them better visibility. A daily door prize drawing was held giving several lovely gardening items, some made by committee members. New this year was an imprinted collapsible flower vase and theme-related gardening handouts. She mentioned that the volunteers fielded a wide variety of

gardening questions, with the most relating to vegetable gardening, roses and other flowers as well as the topic Small Space Gardening.

**Pioneer Village:** (Cathy Cabelka) Cathy reports that setting up work dates just prior to events at Pioneer Village has worked well. The plantings look great. Two work dates remain: Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. and Oct. 10 at 8:30 a.m.

**Plant Sale:** (Jane Spalding, Connie Baldwin) Jane reports that the sale was an amazing success. Jane has agreed to be the Plant Sale Coordinator for 2016, but she is seeking a partner to assist with the variety of duties and details and would be willing to take charge the following year. Volunteers should contact Mary Reilly-Kliss, Jerry Nelson or Jane for further discussion. Other positions that will need to be filled include: Event Facilitator and Captain for Table Four. Jane asked that current table captains confirm or notify her otherwise if they will be returning to the position for 2016. The date for the 2016 sale is Sat., May 21 (not Memorial Day weekend). Next plant sale meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. Final profits for the 2015 sale were \$12,389.54. Thanks to everyone who helped in anyway. Contact information: Jane Spalding, 262-692-3943 [spaldingmj@frontier.com](mailto:spaldingmj@frontier.com) and Connie Baldwin at [conniebaldwin@gmail.com](mailto:conniebaldwin@gmail.com)

**Port Triangle Garden:** (Jean Schanen, Heidi Janous) Heidi reports that new plant stock was planted on the southern portion of the garden in July. Maintenance, dead heading and watering continues. The garden is looking like a million bucks. A weekly rotating schedule for maintenance with a choice of day or the evening hours has kept the garden looking lovely throughout the season.

**Tendick:** (Susie Granzow) Susie reports that Tendick is still being tended. Major changes have occurred and much credit is given to Lavonne Suring for her efforts with the veggie garden.

**U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library, Grafton:** (Sue Spatz, Joan Suelflow) Joan reports that about ten volunteers have given care to the garden this season and everyone's help is greatly appreciated. The garden is colorful and healthy-looking. Fall clean-up date will be set and announced.

**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 Team at Webster.

### **Operations Committees Report – Erin Schanen**

To allow more time for other topics Erin's report was sent to all members via the list serve prior to the meeting and will be posted on the web site.

**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**

None

### **New Business**

**Ozaukee Master Gardeners Going Forward:** Kate Pawasarat and Claudia Breitengross will work closely with Master Gardeners. Membership is encouraged to keep asking questions and stay involved to work through long and short term items.

**Retirement Gift for Dan:** Jerry Nelson presented some of the suggestions that were offered as a gift for Dan's thank you from our group. Suggestions include a tree, a rock or a bench both with a commemorative plaque. Which ever is selected will be place at Pioneer Village as it is one of our groups projects and close to Dan's home. The Ozaukee Historical Society has been contacted and their board has indicated that this type of memorial would be acceptable to them. A general card of thank you will also be sent. Mary was asked to provide Dan's address for those who wished to send their own thank you cards. Megan Kuhn volunteered to head-up a scrapbook project containing pictures and messages for Dan.

**Office Staff & Procedures:** Members were reminded to get printing and other requests to Claudia in plenty of time due to the fact that she is a part-time worker in the afternoons only.

**2015 Hours:** Members were alerted to the new information on the hours form and asked to read it carefully to insure that we can have a good membership directory. Hours are due on or before October 1. Members must use the new form which is available to

download from our website ([ozaukeemastergardeners.org](http://ozaukeemastergardeners.org)) Dues of \$20.00 are also due on Oct. 1.

**Other:** Stan Suring presented an update on Webster School project and the need for volunteers to assist in removing the old fence and installing the new one. They will work on this project after Sept. 13 on Tues., Thurs., and Sat. mornings. He estimates the project to be about 40-50 hours. Contact Stan to volunteer.

**Project Budget requests:** Committee Chairs were alerted to watch for an email in mid-Sept. requesting your project's budget for next year. Please respond and do a budget. It was suggested that committees might like to ask for larger budgets if needed due to the amount of money in the treasury.

**Green Burial Seminar:** Jeanne Mantsch mentioned a seminar on Green Burials being held in Milwaukee. Brochures are available on the information table.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Schanen, Secretary