

**Ozaukee Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting**  
**April 11, 2016, 6:45 p.m.**  
**Ozaukee County Administration Center, Port Washington, WI.**

**Present:** Jerry Nelson, Jim Layton, Erin Schanen, Kay Krier, Mary Reilly-Kliss, Cindy Behlen, Joy Schultz, Mary Ingles, Education Committee Rep. Janet Silverman, and Roseann St. Aubin

**Absent:** Candy Witt

**President** Jim Layton called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the March 14, 2016, executive board meeting were unanimously approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joy Schultz presented the financial report, it was discussed, and approved.

**Project Committee Report:** Cindy Behlen presented the project committee updates.

**ADVOCATES OF OZAUKEE** – Kathleen Doenier, Chair

The Advocates committee met this month to plan for the year ahead and to schedule the summer work dates. We'll be meeting at 8:30 a.m. on April 19th to clean up and evaluate the next steps we'll be taking. Other dates include May 10th and on June 7th when we hope to have the hillside prepped for its new planting of native grasses. If you'd like to join us, contact Kathleen for more information.

**ALL ABOUT HERBS** – Kathleen Awe & Denise Nelson

The first lecture of "All About Herbs" lecture series was well attended and enjoyed. The second lecture entitled "Incorporating Herbs into raw Foods" will be on April 13th, and the third and final lecture in the series entitled "For the Love of Peppers" will be on May 5th. All lectures begin at 7 pm and are held at the Cedarburg Fair Grounds Pavilion.

**HEIRLOOM PLANT SALE-** Jane Spaulding

There is less than two months to go and we have plants ordered, seeds started, publicity planned, etc. We are still looking for someone to chair our Kaleidoscope table. Please give careful consideration to stepping in to this important position, and contact either Jane or Connie Baldwin.

**KUHEFUSS HOUSE-** Susie Granzow

Spring cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 8:30 am. Bring the usual: pruner, shovel, trowel, tarp or bucket to haul yard waste and mulch.

**LASATA HORTICULTURAL THERAPY**-Judy O'Connell & Diane Strobel

We had our organizational meeting last week and were pleased to see all our volunteers return and several new people joined our group. Due to the renovation going on at Lasata, some plants have been damaged or destroyed. We will evaluate how much damage has been done once the plants are up. Right now we are working on spring cleaning our beds.

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

Plans for our Pollinator booth are rolling along. We have all donated daily door prizes thanks to our generous & talented Master Gardeners Bill Greymont and Richard Voigt, as well as the generosity of Johnson's Gardens in Cedarburg. Our tradition of booth workers wearing a theme-related button will continue thanks to the talents of Master Gardener, Maria Kramer. We began packaging our bulk milkweed seeds as a handout; and with the help of Jeanne Mueller, we are working on a plan to give out a "Honeybee Fact Card" that will have a honey stick attached. We are working on informative handouts, and plan to include the latest information on the jumping worm dilemma. Just a reminder that the Fair is August 3-7, and we plan to begin filling our booth volunteer schedule after the Plant Sale event is finished. However, if anyone has a particular day or time that they really want, I am delighted to put your name and requested time on the schedule any time you wish to contact me. And remember – you can sign up for more than one time slot if you're looking to rack up some volunteer hours.

**PIONEER VILLAGE**-Cathy Cabelka

We set work dates for the coming season with spring cleaning scheduled for Saturday April 30th at 8:30 a.m. We will be doing general maintenance and assess what plantings survived the winter and determine what plants are needed. Also, we will look at possibly redoing the iris bed on the east side of the Losse House. All master gardeners are invited to participate in the clean-up. Additional work dates are on our website calendar.

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

Jean and Heidi had nothing new to report for this month.

**TENDICK PARK**-Susie Granzow

Spring cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 9:30 am. Bring the usual: pruner, shovel, trowel, tarp or bucket to haul yard waste and mulch.

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

The committee is beginning spring preparations. The garden clean-up and spring planting will be Saturday, April 30th at 9:00 a.m. The annual plant exchange will be held May 5th, 6th and 7th. There will be a second planting of less cold-hardy annuals after the danger of frost has passed. We've lost several members in the last year and could use some volunteers. If anyone is interested, please contact Joan Suelflow or Susan Spatz.

## **WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN-Mary Reilly-Kliss**

We have completed registration, all plots are full and we have a wait list. A big thanks to the OMGs who manned (and womaned) the registration tables and collected fees.

## **WEBSTER SCHOOL TEACHING GARDEN-Stan Suring & Marion Kanack**

On April 14, the Webster Green Team will be getting ready for Earth Day, and April 19th is the second semester field trip. We will be visiting OutPost Natural Foods for a tour of the facility and learning the philosophy behind organic foods and leaving a small footprint. We will also be visiting Wellspring Organic Farm for planting and gardening information. Our final stop will be at Riveredge Nature Center to enjoy the paths or do some tree hugging or rather tree climbing! It will be crunch time in April and May. We will be completing the garden fence, designing a new gate, and prepping and planting the garden beds. We need extra volunteers for these upcoming tasks, so we will be announcing scheduled work dates soon. Please consider one of these projects as a source for gaining some valuable volunteer time.

## **Operations Committee—Erin Schanen**

Scholarship—One application has been received for our horticulture scholarship.

## **Old Business**

### **Audit Report—Jerry**

The audit of our 2015 Finances has been completed successfully.

### **G-mail Account—Erin Schanen**

E-mails are beginning to come in.

### **M-G Logo—Erin Schanen**

The new OMG logo project was discussed and tabled.

## **New business**

### **Newsletter updates: Roseann St. Aubin**

Roseann has been doing the newsletter, The Best Dirt. However, since her computer is aging, she has gotten a new computer. She would like to update her software which would change the look of our newsletter.

Various changes and formats were discussed. She would like the membership to be aware that there will be a different look. She recommends using Swift 4 Publisher. It uses an e-newsletter format. The newsletter will be a PDF document so any computer will be able to download it.

Watch the next issue of The Best Dirt for more information.

**Mentorship Program:** Marion

Nothing new to discuss

**Dan O'Neil Plaque & Tree:** Jerry

Jerry is working on it.

**Non-member Volunteer Policy:**

We have received requests from potential volunteers but are uncertain about the state's policy on this. It was decided that we would invite Mike Maddox, our state director, to speak at one of monthly meetings and address this issue along with others.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.