

Ozaukee Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting
October 10, 2016
Ozaukee County Administration Center, Port Washington, WI.

Board Members Present: Jim Layton; Jerry Nelson; Cindy Behlen; Erin Schanen; Marion Kanack; and Mary Ingles. Also present: Janet Silverman, Education Committee Representative and Stephanie Plaster, County Agent

Jim called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM.

Approval of Minutes from the last meeting (9/12). Mary moved they be approved, Erin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by those present.

Treasurer's Report – Mary moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Marion seconded the motion. The motion was approved by those present.

Project Committee Report – Cindy Behlen indicated that the Lasata committee reported that the gardens were in good shape, the members were moving and dividing plants. There were no other changes from what was reported at the General Meeting.

Operations Committee Report – Erin Schanen reported that there were no changes from what was reported at the General Meeting.

Old Business

- A. Insurance – Jerry clarified the two policies which had been sent to the board last month. The large policy was for liability insurance, which is funded by the county and is needed when renting a facility for use by the OMG. The second policy is an accident policy which costs \$1.00 per member. This is the plan which we are considering. As we don't know how many members OMG officially has, we took no action but will bring it back up next month.
- B. Survey Monkey update – Jerry had sent out to the Board a Power Point and a PDF summarizing the results of the survey. 83% of those surveyed do not want to discontinue the plant sale and organize other fund raisers. After discussion it was decided that Jerry would put together a message to the membership and send that along with the PDF summarizing the survey results. While Jeanne Mantsch has agreed to recruit volunteers(Plant Sale Volunteer Coordinator), the issue of leadership still exists.

New Business

- A. Open Committee Chairs – It was reported that the Education Committee Chair is still open. The education committee has started meeting without a chair. No one has stepped forward to assume the role of Plant Sale Committee Chair, nor the role of Plant Sale Facilities Coordinator. It was reported that Mary DeLuca has agreed to chair the Fair Committee.

- B. Ozaukee Land & Water Rain Garden Initiative – Jim brought this up after finding a brochure advertising this initiative and mentioning the Master Gardeners in the brochure. After checking into it, it seems that there has been very little continued interest in the program. The original meeting had 40 interested residents, but only one actually constructed the rain garden and qualified for the grant. This is partially due to cost. The cost of constructing a rain garden is often in the several thousand dollar range while the grant is for only \$750.
- C. Budget & goals 2017 – Jim presented a one page summary which he suggested using as opposed to completing the 12 page summary. After discussion it was decided that Jim would electronically submit the 12 page summary to the board, but would also do a one page summary for use in reviewing the budget.
- D. New Project –Jerry walked through the request for assistance from the Grounds Committee at Donges Bay Elementary School. A good deal of the requested project consisted of maintenance. After discussion, it was agreed that we would inform them that we would not be able to assist as it did not fit our project criteria.
- E. Any non-scheduled items –
 - a. Marion spoke of the Mentor project-assigning a Master Gardener to a Master Gardener trainee. Some tweaks to the forms were suggested. It was agreed that Marion and the Mentorship Committee would present this to the OMG at the next General Meeting (October 27), and would also send out information through List Serve.
 - b. Cindy spoke of the International Master Gardener Conference scheduled for next year in the state of Oregon. She is planning on attending as is Marion. The use of the scholarship was brought up. It was suggested that since the \$500 scholarship set aside for this year had not been used, that it be moved to the next budget year along with \$500 for that year (\$1000) in total.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

/s/Jerry Nelson