

Boone County Master Gardeners Minutes – November 18, 2019

The meeting began at 9:30am by President Linda Trips. 47 were in attendance.

Hospitality was provided by Sara Zeckel, Dayna Stevenson and Leslie Cragun

Secretary's report: Barb Burkhardt. The September 16, 2019 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Michelle Mangold Balance as of last meeting was \$2,883.21. \$7 was paid in dues. Expenses for domain for website were \$21.17, resulting in a new balance of \$2,869.04.

Vice President's Report: Karen Hogan – no report

Committee Reports

Hospitality- Fran Lind There is a sign-up sheet for hospitality in 2020. If there is a Master Gardeners' class in 2020, the November meeting will be a pitch-in.

Newsletter- Holly Catron Newsletter deadline for submission is December 31, 2019.

Fairground Gardens – no report

Community Gardens – Susan Kovach She reported on the success of last year's Community Gardens at Lebanon Church of Christ and indicated that the group was evaluating the size, scope, water and weeding needs of this garden and will be making some adjustments for next year. She also got a chance to visit and talk to a representative of Neighbor Space which coordinates more than 100 community gardens in Chicago. She mentioned that a visit could probably be arranged through their individual garden managers. She provided contact information for them.

Holly Catron reported that Central Christian Church received a grant from Central Indiana MIBOR - Metropolitan Indiana Board of Realtors. It is for \$3000 and will be used at the Youth Learning Garden behind Central Christian Church. It will provide a patio and awning near the shed to provide a place to hold classes and events, a fruit tree espalier, an arbor entrance, and lighting. The espalier structure is built, but the rest is underway!

Overnight Bus Trip – Peggy Houchens In the planning stages, she would welcome any ideas from the group.

Day Trips 2020: Peggy Houchens More information in January

Grants - Sharon Grebe and Mary Nierste Six grant applications (one did not deserve consideration) were submitted. We have available \$750 in grant money. It was moved/seconded (Sharon Grebe/Joan Mohr) and approved to increase the available grant money to \$1,000 starting this year (2019). As a result the following projects were approved and funded.

1. Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library - \$200 in support of a Girl Scout who has done extensive work on a Gold Award project that will benefit the library. It will be a sensory garden of benches, perennials, signs on plants, etc.
2. Granville Wells Elementary - \$100 Requested 3 benches and we will fund one.
3. Zion Nature Center - \$250 Replace bird feeders, interpretive panels to identify local birds and why native plants are important, etc.
4. Boone County Community Gardens - \$200 A production garden to optimize the yield of vegetable production for the Shalom House, provide weed control, soil health, etc.
5. Maplelawn Farmstead, Inc - \$250 to educate community about farming during the depression. Provide a

vegetable garden, bulbs with labels, and an education brochure about uses of bulbs.

Gardenfest- Lynn Kenyon There will be sign-up sheets at the January meeting for shifts at Gardenfest. The Junior Master Gardeners will have a booth at the entry.

Old Business

Website Update – David Bokash The website is live. He is requesting entries for the blog (doesn't have to be complicated) , announcements, photos.

New Business

Junior Master Gardeners –Valerie Jasper Our MG group is providing encouragement and financial support to this program. She reported that they will be having Learn and Grow programs as well as the year round Junior Master Gardener program next year.

Extension Office Supplies- Curt It was moved, seconded (Joan Mohr/Jane Savage) and approved to provided the extension office \$250 for supplies. There was some discussion as to whether MGs can make personal donations through the Master Gardener treasurer to fund MG events, programs, needs, etc.

Mini Horticulture Series: February 20, 27 and March 12, 19, 2020 See flyer. Topics will include Lawns and Turf grass, Vegetable Gardening, Tree and Shrub Care and Management and Annuals, Perennials and Herbs. Cost is \$15/ class or \$40 for all 4 sessions. There will be a planning meeting for this series on Dec 6th at 10am. Anyone who would like to help plan is invited.

Extension Master Gardener State Conference – Sept 10-12, 2020 will be in Hamilton and Howard counties. They are looking for support. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Other New Business - Lynn Kenyon reported that she is planning next year's programs.

January - Mary Hallinan, Regional Specialist of SICIM will speak on Invasive species

March- Clean-up of Fairground gardens

May- Fairy Gardens

July - possibly Lynn Kenyon's house for the meeting

Curt's Report

- Everyone is encouraged to report your hours on-line before the end of the year. A MG meeting is to be entered as 1.5 hours of volunteer hours and .5 hours as educational hours.
- Next year there will be a Train the Trainer program on Rainscaping for the Purdue staff at our fairgrounds. As part of this program a rain garden will be installed at the Fairgrounds near the Commercial building. This garden will be installed at no expense to the Master Gardeners and the Boone Cty MG Rainscaping team has agreed to maintain this garden. It was asked if MG can contribute native plants from their gardens. It was requested to wait until a plant list is determined.
- Curt also wants to have in 2020 another Rainscaping program for the public possibly in Zionsville with the hopes of installing a rain garden in Zionsville. He is looking for anyone who has a contact in Zionsville to discuss a possible location for this garden.
- Annual Master Gardener report - Curt is looking for anyone to submit text and photos about any activity performed last year by MGs for the annual report. Email it to him.
- Badges were distributed to Master Gardeners Susan Chintis Kovach, Cheryl Pleak Copeland and Mary Robbins Nierste. Advanced Master Gardeners are Mary Wagner Shields, Chris Waterfall (absent), Barb Burkhardt, Dorothy Pulfer, Amelia Braga, Lydia McNamara and Lana Lytle.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Lebanon Manor Village Apts is interested in starting a garden. It was suggested that they have a representative attend the Mini Horticulture series next year to formalize their thoughts on a garden.
- A family member of Nancy Glover (moving from TX) indicated that Nancy wants assistance in gardening/landscaping in IN. Susan Kovach volunteered to talk to Ms. Glover.

Educational Opportunities

Nov 21 - Invasive and Noxious Weed Workshop 6-8 pm Twin Bridges Lodge Danville, IN

Officers for 2020: President - Butch Kidd, Vice- President – Lynn Kenyon
Secretary - Barb Burkhardt, Treasurer – Jane Bewley

Next Meeting- January 27, 2020 (note it is the 4th Monday in the month due to MLK Day).
January's hospitality hostesses will be Ann Lynch, Karen Hogan, Lynn Kenyon and Lila Jones.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am M/S (Mohr/Robinson) and approved.

Educational Program - Worm Composting Made Easy by Rebecca Troutman from Hendricks County Master Gardener (painther2@att.net)

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Burkhardt