

Green County Master Gardener Volunteers  
Regular Business Meeting Thursday, October 25, 2007

Attended by:

Sue Konopacki	Lynn Lokken	Cheryl Rezabek	Mike Davis
Joyce LaGrange	Kris Winkler	Karen Brunner	Linda Boll
Robert Phillips	Roy Thomas	Becky Wegmueller	Linda Batty
Theresa Nelson	Tanna McKeon	Lois Baker	Kim Berg

Also attended by Kristi Leonard – Green Co UW Extension

The October business meeting was held Thursday, October 25, 2007, 7:00 pm at the Pleasant View Auditorium. The guest speaker was David Kopsell, Assistant Professor of Horticulture and Crop Science at the University of Wisconsin – Platteville. He gave a very interesting presentation on identifying plant diseases/distress by analyzing the soil and making fertilizer and crop nutrient adjustments. After his presentation we began the regular business meeting.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Joyce LaGrange and seconded by Linda Batty and it was approved unanimously by the members.

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2007 was made by Sue Konopacki and seconded by Joyce LaGrange and it was approved unanimously by the members.

Theresa Nelson gave the treasurer's report, and we have a balance of \$1,602.13. A motion to approve the report was made by Mike Davis and seconded by Lois Baker and it was approved unanimously by the members.

**Committee Reports:**

Sue Konopacki thanked everyone for the help at Farm Tech Days. Many people commented on the nice flower containers and Bob Tomesh sent a letter thanking us and that the Farm Technology Days was very successful.

**Old Business:**

Linda Boll asked for different ideas to retain our members. There seems to be confusion about the program and what is expected of the volunteers. There are quite a few people who take the master gardener course, but do not attend our meetings (and some do not put in the required volunteer hours either). Different ideas were discussed, such as more emphasis on new students regarding the volunteering and hours they need to put in, possibly charging a little more for the class and reimbursing some of it back if they fulfill their volunteer hours, designing a pamphlet outlining the program and highlighting what we do. Review the applications and if the class is full and only select those who will commit the program (the classes are rarely filled to capacity) Do more public relations – be at the farmers markets, be at tour of gardens etc. Do a full or half day seminar. Rock Prairie MG has nice directory that lists all the members and with a calendar of their meetings. It was decided that we should do a directory similar to Rock Prairie's, Kim and Theresa will work on it and we will also have a seminar – Cheryl, Sue, Linda Batty, Kim and Linda Boll will work on this and hope to have a rough outline at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

Kristi Leonard also mentioned that the program will also be phasing in background checks on the volunteers. The annual meeting is November 8 and officers will be elected for Vice President and Treasurer. Sue Konopacki has agreed to run for vice president and Theresa Nelson has agreed to remain as treasurer.

Suggestions are needed for our programs in 2008. The annual plant sale will be May 3 at Pleasant View Auditorium. Members are also encouraged to sign up the electronic version of the Wisconsin Master Gardeners newsletters, as the postage is getting very expensive to mail these out.

The annual meeting and potluck supper is November 8, 6:00 pm at the Pleasant View Auditorium. Everyone should have pictures of their projects and these can be given or e-mailed to Kristi or Kim by November 6 and briefly explain your project.

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Batty and seconded by Joyce LaGrange and it was approved unanimously by the members.

Respectfully submitted by Tanna McKeon, Secretary