

Green County Master Gardener Volunteers
Regular Business Meeting Thursday, May 24, 2007

Attended by:

Tanna McKeon

Kris Winkler

Robert Phillips

Shelley Sturdevant

Jean Winkler, Guest

Mike Davis

Becky Wegmueller

Roy Thomas

Linda Batty

Amy Wellnitz

Lu Vail

Joyce LaGrange

Lois Baker

Susan Konopacki

Mike Davis opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Linda Batty and Susan Konopacki talked about preparing plants and flower arrangements for the fair and demonstrated container gardening. Susan reviewed the Green County Fair Book and the regulations and deadlines to enter your projects in the open class. You can enter as many items as you want for one - \$20.00 registration fee. Susan created a topiary by stacking flower pots, by starting with the largest pot, insert a dowel rod and stack smaller pots on top of each other. Linda demonstrated a topiary she is making with sedum, mosses and hens and chicks. She started with tomato cage and wrapped it twice with window screen material. She placed this in a flower pot and added potting mix (sand, sphagnum moss and potting soil). She then covered this with sphagnum moss and she has been adding the plants. Both of these topiaries were very creative and very interesting. They will be on display at the Farm Tech days.

Susan Konopacki said the Farm Tech committee met and looked over the site. They need a lot of flower containers and anyone can do one. Susan used an old suitcase and had a variety of plants in it. Letters were sent out to area landscapers and florists to decorate around tent city.

Mike opened the regular business meeting. Item B in Old Business was amended for Amy Wellnitz, UW Extension's summer assistant could talk to us about responding in inquiries. He also passed a get well card around for Linda Boll, who is recovering from a broken ankle and we all hope she has a quick recovery.

The minutes of the April 26, 2007 were read. A correction to the minutes was made and that Linda Boll had information on the Eau Clair Master Gardeners seed trials, not Linda Batty. A motion to approve the minutes, with the correction, was made by Kris Winkler, seconded by Susan Konopacki, and approved unanimously by the membership.

The treasures' report was not presented as Theresa recently gave birth to a baby boy.

The list of projects and committees were passed around and updated. Added to the Pleasant View flower bed/flag pole bed were Shelley Sturdevant, Roy Thomas and Sally Bear. Joyce will be working on a schedule for these projects and she would like a few more volunteers to help out. She would like to have the committee work on the flower beds Tuesday, May 29 at 5:00, rain date Wednesday or Thursday if it rains on Wednesday. The old rose bushes and some other plants that were failing were pulled out and Joyce asked to have approximately \$22.00 to purchase a service berry bush to replace some of these. Bob Phillips made a motion for her to purchase the bush and Lois Baker seconded it, and approved unanimously by the membership.

Old Business:

Kris Winkler and Joyce LaGrange reported on the plant sale. Although the amount of plants we had for sale was slightly decreased, we still had a slight increase in profit from last year. Overall it was a very successful sale.

The Wisconsin Master Gardener Association has a list of speakers, if you have expertise on certain subject you may sign up to be on the list. There was some confusion on how we are to get on this list and Amy Wellnitz will see if she can e-mail the registration from out to everyone.

New Business:

There was not a district meeting report.

Amy Wellnitz had everyone check the membership list to make sure our contact information was correct. The ETN room across for UW extension is locked now, but if you need to get some resources, just ask someone in the office to unlock it for you.

Susan Konopacki also reminded everyone that we need volunteers to man the booth at Farm Tech Days, for a few hours or what your schedule would allow. This will count as volunteer hours too. She asked if the association would pay the entrance fee of \$5.00 per day for the volunteers manning the booth. Robert Phillips made a motion to allow this and Shelley Sturdevant seconded it and approved unanimously by the membership.

The next meeting is Thursday, June 28 at Kris Winkler's home, N2745 Ullom Road, Monroe. If you would like to car pool out to her home, please meet in the parking lot, by the Pleasant View Auditorium by 6:45.

Joyce LaGrange made a motion to adjourn and Linda Batty seconded it and approved unanimously by the membership.

Respectfully submitted by Tanna McKeon, Secretary