

South Central Wisconsin Master Gardener Association
Minutes of February 28, 2008

Attended By:

Mike Davis	Laurie Rose	Becky Wegmueller	Sally Bear
Robert Phillips	Joyce LaGrange	Sue Konopacki	Lynn Lokken
Cathy Cryor Burgweger	Shelly Sturdevant	Sue Hartwig	Kris Winkler
Nina Binkley	Cheryl Rezabek	Norma Bader	Lu Vail
Tamara Schulte	Theresa Nelson	Linda Batty	Jean Alder
Kim Berg			

President Mike Davis called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

A motion to approve the minutes from November 2007 with a correction of the 2 cents difference on treasury amount- it should read \$1,548.13 was made by Cheryl Rezabek and seconded by Lu Vail, Motion carried.

Theresa Nelson gave a treasurers report. The balance is \$2,389.96. The state dues have been paid. The Farm Technology committee gave \$780.00 for the decorating. A list was passed around indicating all the paid members. A motion to approve the treasurers report was my by Joyce LaGrange. Seconded by Robert Phillips. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Vacancy in Outreach and New Project Chair-At this time no one volunteered to do. Outreach and Project Chair will be appointed when the projects will begin in the spring.

Retention Committee-There is the need for someone to follow up on new or past members with a phone call to find out why they have not been attending.

“Gardening Inspirations Symposium”- Linda Batty, Sue Konopacki, Cheryl Rezabek, Kim Berg, and Mike Davis have worked hard for the past several months planning and advertising the Symposium. It will be held on March 8 from 8:30-3:00 at the Ludlow Mansion. At least 60 people have registered so far. Advertising alone has cost \$370.00 from the \$400.00 budgeted amount. The printing has been covered by the Extension office. The speakers will need to be paid and the meal and room rental. Hopefully money from registrations will cover this.

Speakers will be: Mark Dwyer- is doing a slide show of lots of gardens.
Jim Nienhuis- will speak about vegetable evolution and art.
Sheryl Pitts Wolff – speaking about drying flowers, herbs, and vegetables
Nancy Momsen – will speaking about Herbs.

A request for extra money for door prizes was made. Lois Baker made a motion to give the committee up to \$100 to be used for door prizes. Seconded by Robert Phillips. Motion carried. Some door prizes donations were brought in by members for the committee to use. Helpers will be needed during the event and clean-up and manning the Master Gardener display. Also needed are extra seed and plant catalogs. The committee was thanked for their hard work.

Request for Project Funds – Tanna McKeon requests \$50-75 to purchase daylilies for the Veterans Canna Bed entry. A motion was made to give money for the project by Joyce LaGrange. Seconded by Sally Bear. Motion carried.

SCWMGA Directory – Kim Berg and Theresa Nelson have worked very hard and made a great directory for all MG members. It contains members names, phone numbers, lists events for the year, project info, and other information. The “Request For Work” and “Financial Request” forms need to be updated and maybe added at a later time. The committee was thanked for their hard work.

New Business

Plant Sale – The sale will be held on May 3rd in the Auditorium as before. Always need shade and unusual plants. Encourage members to start seedlings soon so that they are well established by the sale. A list of guidelines will be given next month. Joyce LaGrange and Kris Winkler will be co-chairs.

Diagnostic Training – Cheryl Rezabek stated that Mike Maddox is willing to do some extra training for plant/gardening diagnosis. It may be held possibly on an evening or Saturday. Plants could be brought in at the training for questions.

MG Shirts – Sue Konopacki brought in shirts for those that didn't get them for Farm Technology Days. Encourages members to wear them on March 8 and at other events such as the Plant Sale.

Library – The Monroe Library has requested one or two members to come in on either July 2 or 23 to help with a gardening/recycling presentation at the Children's' Library Summer Reading Program. Kris Winkler and possibly Lu Vail will go. Kris will contact the librarians.

Nina Binkley stated that Butch Whitney is willing to speak on trees and shrubs if needed. Jean Adler encourages members to join the Seed Saver Club and receive the catalog.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joyce LaGrange. Second by Sally Bear. Motion carried.

Kim Berg did an interesting presentation about Worm Composting. She learned about it at the Freeport MG seminar last fall. She told about the bins she keeps her worms in and how it works.

Respectfully submitted
Kris Winkler, acting secretary