

Union County Master Gardeners
September 23, 2009

Volunteer hours earned: 1 hour

Education hours earned: 1.5 hours

The meeting was opened by President Marcia Lee.

The secretary's report as posted on the web was approved.

The treasurer reported an ending balance for August of \$4,309.84. There is also a CD in the amount of \$4,923.24.

Old Business

Plant Sale wrap up. Audrey Hall reported that extra plants were sold at the Farmers' Market and at FestiFair. She thanked everyone who contributed and helped with the sale. The total profit is \$2357.26.

Photo Contest

Barbi Conaway stated the rules for the Photo Contest.

The only size photos accepted will be 3 x 5 or 4 x 6

The categories will be Landscape, Flowers and Nature

Turn photos in at the October meeting -prior to the meeting

Put your name, category, phone number and email on the back

We will take a break during the October meeting to vote.

In case of a tie, George will be the tie breaker

Barbi will send an email reminder to the list

Timekeeper

George reminded everyone to turn in their fiscal year 2009 (May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009) hours to Debbie Brown ASAP. You may copy George also. Hours are being compiled now for recognition.

New Business

Recognition Banquet – the committee chaired by Roberta Gordon met prior to the meeting. The banquet will be at Der Dutchman on Wednesday, November 11 will social time beginning at 6:15 p.m. and dinner served at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$17.00 per person. Der Dutchman now requires a minimum of 50 people in order to provide a private dining room. Invitations will be mailed within the next few weeks.

Constitution Review

Marcia mentioned the need for a constitution review to address the exclusion of political speakers at our meetings and the designation of the Plant Sale as a fund raiser for state dues. A committee will be appointed at the October meeting to consider these and other potential changes needed in the constitution.

McCloud Park – Pat Houser said there is no news regarding the flower beds. George said that Steve Stolte is repairing the bench.

2010 Garden Tour - Laurie Lowe reported that a poster board of the selected gardens is being prepared by Miriam Carson for the next meeting.

COYC - Ellen Evans reported that the last two garden sessions will be clean up sessions. The remaining vegetables are sweet potatoes. The kids are looking forward to the sweet potato pie baking session. The perennial bed is a dog magnet. The foster dogs at COYC are digging in the bed and breaking plants. It somehow needs to be dog proofed.

Love & Learn Garden – no report.

Budget – This year's committee chairs need to let the president know if they will chair their committees again next year. This information is needed to help plan the 2010 budget. If not chairing, they can still make a recommendation about the committee budget needs.

Coordinator Report

George said that the open house is being planned for October 14 and people are needed to participate. The majority of people who attend an open house do take the class.

Votes for Master Gardener of the Year and Project of the Year must be in by October 14.

George also reminded everyone that the number of volunteer hours that a Master Gardener Association accumulates can affect funding. Volunteer hours are estimated at \$18.00 per hour. It is very important to count all of your hours and report them. A new reporting form needs to be developed to make the process easier.

October meeting

Roberta said that a very busy meeting is planned for October. We will have the photo contest, election of officers, evaluation of the year's programs, draw for the attendance prize and have a special surprise guest.

The education program was by Ken Schultz of the Columbus Chapter of the American Bonsai Society. He started his talk by asking if anyone had ever had a bonsai and killed it. Many hands were raised. Bonsai is a marriage of horticulture and art. It is definitely a hands-on sport. The objective of bonsai is to simulate nature. It should create a nature scene on a tray or it should remind you of a season or location. Each bonsai is an original work of art that is never finished. Following a slide show, Ken demonstrated making a juniper into a bonsai.

Attendance:

Kathy Altizer
Patsy Bushdorff
Barbi Conaway
Meg Cryder
Hank Edwards
Ellen Evans
Roberta Gordon
Scheral Greider
Joan Griffin
Audrey Hall

Mary Anne Housel
Pat Houser
Joe Johnson
Johanna Keiser
Marcia Lee
Laurie Lowe
Nancy Mead
Millie Pace
Sheila Sands
Anna Swackhammer
John Walkup