## UNION COUNTY MG MEETING MINUTES 4/23/14

7:00 education- Robin Sweeny on soil science

Eunice - article for Barb Brauns newsletter needed by next week, if anyone wants to submit an article, contact Eunice.

8:20 Al Burnard gives a quick tip for VMS. Tutorial under newsletters, this is an 80 page PDF file. User guide.

Roll call by Audrey-"do you have dandelions in your yard? "

Secretary Report-approved as posted

Treasurer Report-April income \$880, expenses-\$267.96

Coordinators report-Laurie talks about the latest info on the OSU branding. There will not be a MG or Extension Logo anymore. It will change in July to a "Look". A big block O. We can use up any pre printed material. All MGs will receive new name badges with the name printed exactly as listed in VMS. If MG wants name badge with a name different than the listed name, they must edit their info on VMS. The names will be pulled the first of May. The rescreening is not ready to start. The Farm Bureau wants to interview a MG for their magazine. Let Laurie know if you are interested.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

2014 State Conference- use VMS to volunteer for UnionCounty Committees. Let Audrey know if you want to volunteer for other areas that are not listed yet. There will not be a discount on registration fees for those that volunteer at the event. The next meeting is 4/24 in Madison county.

Cox Arboretum tour-Saturday 4/26, sign up on VMS if you would like to go. Meet at the visitor center at 11:00. At 10:00 there is a native plant sale. Late lunch at the Spaghetti Warehouse.

Al asks if anyone knows how to assemble the greenhouse that Harry bought. He needs help with putting it together.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The MGs have been asked to have a booth at the Covered Bridge Festival Sept. 19-21. A committee is needed. Hours are Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 12-4. Demo on container gardens, or other ideas are possibilities. Audrey will email everyone to see if anyone wants to chair this committee.

## **PROJECTS**

Adopt a Pot-Dilu says that May 14 the city pots will be planted, others on May 17. Last week the Boy Scouts helped clean the pots, and will help again this summer, fertilizing and installing flags.

COYC-two sessions had to be cancelled. The city will provide compost and mulch again this year. Al and Natalie will attend meetings with the city that discusses hunger issues in the county.

Help Line- Amanda needs help starting June 1st. 1 day per week for three months. 2 people, if interested, email Laurie.

Love and learn- Chris is working on the planting

Program- May will be "get Tick Smart" by Dr. Thomas Mather. The education topics are listed on VMS. Elearning guides are updated today. Webinars are are good way to get education hours.

Scholarship-one applicant. Still need approval of the committee to receive the scholarship.

Spring Plant Sale-May 9&10.volunteer thru VMS. Carolyn needs many volunteers. Tonight is the last time to buy vouchers.

Marketing- Kay has been assisting the plant sale

McCloud- beds have been cleaned up, John Weiss has been edging all the beds. The beds need to be planted before mulch is put down.

Vets Memorial- in transition

The next meeting is Wed May 28

Drawing winners are penny Rushmore and Kay Covert

In attendance:

Audrey Kise

Donna Maley

Lisa Kovinchick

Penny Rushmore

Suzie Arnold

Nancy Mead

Scheral Greider

Bea Metz

Debbie brown

Henry Edwards

Karen Moots

Pat houser

Vera Cyre

George McVey

Mary Salimbene Merriman

Bill Ronschke

Chris Burnard

Al Burnard

Patty Sweeny

Dixie Bowen **Deb Jeffers** Shelia Sands Jon Weiss Julie Jones Betsy Houck Harvey Goertz Natalie Landon Roberta Gordon Tara Springs Johanna Keiser Joan Griffin **Eunice Hornsby** Laurie Lowe John Walkup Dilu Juvarkar Carolyn Madziar Kay Covert Donna Gehring

Kathy Altizer Karen Long