

Union County Master Gardener Association

Business Meeting Notes

August 26, 2015

Attendees

Dixie Bowen, Debbie Brown, Al Burnard, Chris Burnard, Kay Covert, Harvey Goertz, Scheral Greider, Joan Griffin, Mary Ann Haynes, Melissa Henry, Pat Houser, Julie Jones, Dilu Juvarkar, Harry Kirtley, Audrey Kise, Lisa Kovinchick, Karen Long, Laurie Lowe, Carolyn Madziar, Donna Maley, George McVey, Bea Metz, Karen Mikols, Karen Moots, Kay Nichols, Bill Paloney, Bill Ronschke, Penny Rushmore, Mary Salimbene Merriman, Patty Sweeney, John Walkup and Jon Weiss

Call to Order: Al called the group to order.

August Educational Program

Steve Stolte, Union County Commissioner, spoke about the covered bridges in Union County.

Business Meeting

Secretary's Report: The July Business Meeting minutes will be reposted to VMS with a date correction.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn posted updated report to VMS. We raised \$1,779.10 at the August Plant Sale. **MGVs: please pay Carolyn your \$10 state fees unless you donated plants to the sale.**

Coordinator's Report:

- Nine people registered for the Training Class that begins Sept. 16 at 6:00 p.m., and ends with the test on Nov. 16. **MGVs: we are accepting [applications](#) for the class (through Sept. 14). Tell your friends and family. Earn volunteer and education hours: attend as many classes as you'd like, volunteer to help set up the room and provide refreshments. The class schedule is available [online](#). Please sign up to volunteer; not if you're only attending class.**
- We are awaiting shipment of the OSUE-branded t-shirts and the new banner.

Old Business

Committee Chairs: please complete the project handbooks.

- Take notes and digital photos as your project progresses throughout the year.
- We have received handbooks for the Dahlia Show, Scholarship Fund, August Plant Sale, Covered Bridge Festival, Marketing and Project GROW committees, and will upload them to VMS soon.

New Business

- **Garage Cleanup** – Tentative date is Saturday, November 7, early afternoon (following the Training Class), to sort, recycle, clean and arrange pots and other MGV items. Additional details to follow.
- **Farmer's Market Festival**—for the second year in a row, there was little traffic at the MGV booth. We will consider that if/when we are asked to participate next year. Questions raised: participate in the Richwood Farmer's Market or Festifair instead? Festifair costs \$40 for a booth and there was little traffic. There's much more traffic and interest at the Covered Bridge Festival, so we participate there instead. We can make adjustments every year to the events in which we participate. All ideas are welcome.
- **Dutch Mill Greenhouse** – **MGVs: we need 1-2 volunteers to staff an MGV information table on Saturday, October 17, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., during their fall pumpkin decorating event. Dutch Mill**

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has been very supportive of the MGVs. Let's show our appreciation. Contact Al (al.d.burnard@gmail.com) to volunteer. This will not interfere with the OSU football game that day.

Project Reports

- **August Plant Sale** – Audrey Kise: thanks to everyone for helping make the sale a huge success. Barbi announced updated in real time on Facebook and the public responded. Left over plants were sold after the meeting and Jon took remaining ones for Magnetic Springs. We reserved the Armory for next year. **MGVs:** if you contributed plants, sign the list and take one volunteer hour for donating plants. If you did not donate plants, pay Carolyn your \$10 state fee.
- **Covered Bridge Festival** – Bea Metz and Kay Nichols: there is much work to be done before Sept. 18-20 when the event will be held. **MGVs:** we need volunteers to shuck corn, mulch and install fence posts, at 9:00 a.m. Weds. through Fri., Sept. 16 – 18, and set up the booth and decorate at 9:00 a.m. on Fri., Sept. 18; staff the booth Sat., Sept. 19, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Sun., Sept. 20, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; clean up Sun. Sept. 20 4:00 p.m. Contact Bea (smetz9@woh.rr.com) for a parking pass and to sign up, or sign up in VMS.
- **Diagnostics/Helpline** – Laurie Lowe: Patty and Dilu have answered numerous questions, especially having to do with the wet growing conditions earlier in the season. Traffic is slowing down now.
- **Love & Learn** – Chris Burnard: thanks to everyone that has helped. The gardens are growing well, we are harvesting every week and have donated produce to the local Food Bank.
- **McCloud Park** – Dixie Bowen and Julie Jones: thanks to everyone for a successful Garden Memories event for the senior citizens. The park was in excellent shape, we decorated tables with table clothes and flower arrangements and there was an artist and musical entertainment. We interviewed attendees and plan to compile and share them. Dixie plans to submit a photo to the Marysville Journal Tribune. **MGVs:** we need your ideas to reach people in nursing homes that can't get to the park. Share ideas your ideas with Dixie (dixie_bowen@yahoo.com) and Julie (shopwithjulie@aol.com). We need volunteers for Second Saturday at McCloud Park on Sept. 12.
- **Dahlia Show** – George McVey: we successfully distributed the flowers to very appreciative residents in a number of nursing homes.
- **Project GROW** – Al Burnard: we recently harvested more than 19 pounds of red skin potatoes from the growing containers and 60 pounds of onions. The kids remain enthusiastic participants.
- **Speaker's Bureau** – Lisa Kovinchick and Eunice Hornsby – Lisa plans to speak about fall gardening: succession and fall planting and decorating, on the radio on Monday, Aug. 31. **MGVs:** we need a speaker for December. Suggested topics include bulbs to plant during the holidays, decorating with things from the garden, and using plants for wildlife in the winter. Contact Lisa (gatesyk@hotmail.com) if you are available. Radio shows are held on Mondays and outline of topic is due two weeks beforehand. Lisa can present for you if you're not comfortable on the radio.

September Educational Program

Michelle Thomas, Assistant Public Gardens Manager at Inniswood will present a to-be-determined topic.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Covert

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