

Union County Master Gardener Association
Monthly Business Meeting
August 23, 2017 7:00PM – Buckeye Room

Attending: Lisa Kovinchick, Audrey Kise, Terri Farley, Dixie Bowen, Pill Paloney, Pat Houser, Joan Griffin, Dilu Juvarkar, Laurie Lowe, John Walkup, Julie Jones, Mary Salimbene-Merriman, Natalie Landon, Betsy Hauck, Scheral Greider, Kay Nichols, Patty Sweeney, Mary Ann Haynes, Karen Moots, Karen Long, Eunice Hornsby, Donna Maley, Harry Kirtley, Al Burnard, Chris Burnard, Karen Mikols, Bea Metz

Call to Order: Lisa Kovinchick

August Educational Program – 7:00 PM

Nancy Heber, Nature Photography

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Secretary's Report: Donna Gehring, two attendee names added to last month's report

Treasurer's Report: Mary Salimbene-Merriman, \$324 expenses, \$2508.50 income that included the plant sale. If you didn't submit 10 plants to the plant sale, be sure and pay \$10 to Mary. Made changes to the 3 month CD, extending it to an 18 month CD, which will earn a higher percentage rate.

Coordinator's Report: Laurie Lowe and Eunice Hornsby

- We have eight applicants for the class, which is not enough to hold a class. Delaware County will hold a class and Laurie will contact them to see if they want to include them. Will require 12 people for our fall class next year. Need to get a group of people together to brainstorm on how to get enough people to hold a class. Scheral's presence at the Farmers Market did get some applicants. We need to provide more educational projects to get in front of the public.
- Ask a Master Gardener – will start a new training class. If interested, please contact Laurie. The questions come in through email and are answered by email
- Advisory Committee for Master Gardener of Ohio, includes Coordinator, educator, and is considered in the Top of Ohio region (which include 4-5 counties). Looking for a Master Gardener, 1 year commitment, 3 meetings-- March June Sept.
- Dalia Show, need volunteers to take flowers to nursing homes. Bill is part of the society. Bring buckets and hand trimmers. Contact Laurie and she will let the nursing home know how many to expect. Meet at the National Guard Armory by 3:45 pm. See Laurie's email for more information.
- Someone from Richwood contacted Laurie and they are in need of help with a garden, since someone is ill in the home. We would not be able to help as Master Gardeners, and could not add volunteer hours in VMS; it would just be a personal volunteer effort. Contact Laurie if you are interested.

Old Business:

- Fall Training Class, see Coordinator's Report
- State Resource Purchase, plan to order signs and table throws.
- Grow Ohio, turn in totals to Donna by the last day of the month.
- Master Gardener State Conference September 29 – 30, 2017, still space to register for the conference and for bus tours.

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New Business:

- Nominating Committee for Officer Elections in October, Kay Covert and two more people to select a slate of officers.

Project Reports:

- AG Center Demonstration Gardens – Dixie Bowen, County has signed off, it is at Ohio State for approval.
- August Plant Sale – Karen Long, very successful, the identifications and pictures really helped. Expenses \$250 -- \$35 publicity, \$50 plant labels, etc. – made approximately \$2,000. Audrey wrote an article once a week to help promote the sale.
- Covered Bridge Festival – Bea Metz/Kay Nichols, had a meeting tonight, may need one or two additional volunteers to set up on Friday night. Will do seed balls and succulents in the demo tent.
- Cultivating Community Gardens – Chris Burnard, thanks to everyone for working in the gardens. Dutch Mill garden is continuously harvesting, and will have 10 more women that will be eligible to participate. Master Gardeners work with the girls on Monday. Wings gardens have been well maintained. Master Gardeners going every other Thursday. Buckeye House, they haven't contacted us, they have been managing on their own. Chris and Al have a book on Community Garden Specialization that you can borrow.
- Home Grown 101 – Al Burnard, had about 12 people for the class in July. Decided we will not do a September class, will pick it up again next year. 80+ people have gone through the training; evaluations have been very positive.
- Marketing Committee – Kay Covert, no report
- McCloud Park – Dixie Bowen/Julie Jones, session last week, it was a good growing year and the flowers look great. Have a potluck breakfast for the October workday. October will be a clean up day and our last time at the park.
- Project GROW – Julie Jones and Donna Gehring, over 500 pounds harvested from the garden this year. Everything going well.
- Scholarship Committee – Audrey Kise, nothing to report until next year.
- Speaker's Bureau – Eunice Hornsby, no requests

September Educational Program:

Scott Zanon, Fall Trees in Ohio