

Union County Master Gardener Association
Business Committee Meeting
February 24, 2016, 2016. 7:00PM – Buckeye Room

Attendees: Donna Gehring, Kay Covert, Donna Maley, Laurie, Lowe, Scheral Greider, Ron Long, Harry Kirtley, Carole Stolte-Brouillette, Karen Moots, Bea Metz, Jon Weiss, Karen Long, Eunice Hornbsy, Mary Ann Haynes, Audrey Kise, Barbi Conaway, Bobbi Brown, Carolyn Madziar, Mary Salimbene Merriman, Carole Carrico, Patty Sweeney, Beth Johnson, George McVey, Natalie Landon, Betsy Hauck, Pat Houser, Dilu Juvarkar, Al Burnard, Chris, Burnard, John Walkup, Penny Rushmore, Bill Paloney, Rose Beeson, Lisa Kovinchick, Sheila Nichols

Call to Order: Al Burnard

February Educational Program – 7:00 pm

- Laura Pakis from Acme Canine presented information on pet-friendly gardening.

Monthly Business Meeting – 8:00 pm

- Mandatory MGVS Abuse Recognition and Report Training shown – 30 minutes

Secretary's Report: Donna Gehring - approved

Treasurer's Report: Mary Salimbene-Merriman – in VMS

Coordinator's Report: Karen Long and Laurie Lowe

- Coordinator call postponed until tomorrow
- Pick up abuse reporting cards from Laurie or Karen

Old Business:

- Update on MGVS use of EPA Registered Chemicals -- OSU did not give us a definitive solution. Union County Executive Committee decided that we would not use or apply any pesticide with active ingredient. Therefore the city must apply chemicals to McCloud Park, MGVS can recommend options but cannot apply.

New Business:

- Educational Workshop – Saturday, March 19th – Denise Ellsworth on pollinators and Donna Daniel on Monarch butterflies. Update by Laurie. 19 registered, we have enough volunteers and you can attend by calling Drudy and register, \$5. Bring clean 6" clay pots and 8" saucers, if you have them.
- Recognition Banquet – Wednesday, April 27, 6 pm, at the Allen Township Hall
 - Donna Gehring has offered to chair.
 - Allison Hamilton offered to give us a bit of history and tour of the Poling log cabin located on the property

Project Reports – brief reports as needed:

- August Plant Sale – Need Chairperson to coordinate the 2016 sale.
- Covered Bridge Festival – Bea Metz, Kay Nichols, new dates September 23-25, 2016
- Love & Learn – Chris Burnard
- Magnetic Springs Beautification – Karen Long
- McCloud Park – Dixie Bowen & Julie Jones
- Monthly Meeting Educational Program – Dixie Bowen
- Project GROW – Al Burnard

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- Scholarship – Audrey - sent to schools in Union County, Biological Sciences, must live in Union Co, deadline 1st week in April.
- Speaker's Bureau – Eunice Hornsby & Lisa Kovinchick, Rush Creek United Methodist Church, 20-30 minute for older women, perhaps square foot or container gardening. March 3rd meeting, 1:45 pm. Please volunteer by Friday.
- Adopt a pot – bring milk jugs, bottle and lid
- **Reminder – Please update your project selections in VMS.**
 - If you wish to remain on a project you don't need to do anything.
 - If you no longer want to assist with a project you have worked on in the past, please "unvolunteer" from the project

March Educational Program – time to be determined:

- Keith Scheiderer from Scheiderer Farms Greenhouse, "Whet's New in the Garden."

Save the date!

- Join the Summit County Master Gardener Volunteers on September 16 and 17 in Cuyahoga Falls, OH for the State Master Gardener Volunteer Conference. Go to <http://u.osu.edu/mgv2016/> for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Gehring
Secretary