

Master Gardener Business Meeting

- Call to order 8:05pm
- Secretary report approved without change
- Treasurer report was posted by Donna Maley. \$405.00 donated in remembrance of Ellen Evans. Change in posted budget needs to be reflected in present posted budget due to a change in expense for upgrading Pollinator garden. Budget expense was \$3436.00 an income of \$1900.00. Budget will need to be finalized and approved in next couple of weeks.

PROJECT REPORTS

Continuing Education

- Announcement of education event to Strafford Ecological Center
Maple Syrup Tour is schedule for this Saturday February 29 at 10:00am..Anyone interested in carpool should meet at Ag Center at 9:15am..Fee is \$5.00 that can be paid at the door.
- Scioto Garden tour is tentatively scheduled for June 14,2020 at 2 pm
more information to follow.

Marketing/ Garden Tour

- Anyone that may have ideas for new areas to advertise and post information about the Garden Tour please let Audrey Kise know.

Plant Sale

- Nothing to report

Community Gardens

- Survey will be distributed to clients that use the food pantry. Survey to facilitate planting of vegetable that are favorites for the food pantry.

- Dutch Mill has continuing education programming. Information can be obtained from their website.

Farmers Market and Photo

- No up-dates offered.

Pollinator Garden

- Plans have been finalized for improvement to the field stone pathway. The plan is to remove the field stone, install a stabilizer for the field stone so the path is more stable. Work to be done prior to Garden Tour.

Project Grow/ORW

- No up-dates offered.

Recognition Banquet

- Scheduled for the April business meeting. It is to be catered by Heflin catering. The cost will be \$20.00 per person. It is open to guests this year. Money will be paid at time of service. A count of those attending will need to be made 2 weeks prior to the banquet. Menu includes a choice of Chicken Parmesan or Lasagna. Dessert will be a cake from Cosco.
- Awards will be announced during banquet. Members are asked to send an email to Donna Gehring of names and a description of why they are being nominated by March 9.

Scholarship

- April 3 is the deadline. Information has been sent out and article written for the local paper. It is also posted on website and Facebook page. It was suggested to share the information on Facebook to spread the information to your contacts.

Garden Tour

- Monthly meetings are now scheduled for an hour before each meeting 6pm. Needing suggestions for theme for this year's tour. It is the Bicentennial for Union County so we might want to think about focusing on that somehow for our theme.
- Still needing two chairs for homeowners. Duties would be to keep homeowner informed of information about the tour.

General Information

- Bill Paloney informed the group about the sign that is used for advertising by the road of the Ag Center is in need of serious repair. Bill is more than willing to try to get it better condition but states that we will need to possibly replacing sign. He reminded everyone that there are only 17 spaces for lettering with this present sign.

Meeting adjourned 8:40pm