

Union County Master Gardener Association

Monthly Business Meeting

February 28, 2018 7:00PM – Buckeye Room

Attending: Audrey Kise, Donna Gehring, Kay Covert, Pat Houser, Beth Johnson, Scheral Greider, Karen Long, Mary Ann Haynes, Bill Paloney, Penny Rushmore, Jon Weiss, Lisa Kovinchick, Mary Salimbene-Merriman, Chris Burnard, Al Burnard, Laurie Lowe, Harry Kirtley, Donna Maley, Julie Jones, Sara Parker, John Walkup, Karen Mikols

Call to Order: Lisa Kovinchick

**February Educational Program – 7:00 PM**

“Union County Health Assessment” – Shawn Sech, Director of Health Promotion & Planning – Union County Health Department

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**Secretary’s Report:** Karen Mikols

**Treasurer’s Report:** Donna Gehring

**Coordinator’s Report:** Laurie Lowe

**Old Business: Budget Discussion**

Donna created a new form to track state funds separately from general funds.

Laurie stated there is approximately \$5600 in the state funds.

Concerns and comments voiced from members:

- Question was raised – Are we spending more each year than we have income?
- Income statement should be in balance with expenditures.
  - This won’t happen as our educational projects have expenses, not income.
  - Do not have a lot of money making projects, therefore the budget won’t truly “balance” as most educational projects have expenses, but not income.
- Budget should be realistic, remember our mission.
  - Our mission is to provide education, not to make money.
- Do we need more fundraisers?
- There is no “reserve account”. Pulling “from reserves” meant that we were using money from the checking account. Not from a special account.
- There is \$11,000 in checking account and \$5000 in CD’s.
- Need to revisit budget
- State conference monies were always in the account, but were tracked separately

- Comment: stop tracking State Conference funds as separate use for workshops or educational needs.
- Historical Note: Master Gardeners were bankrupt at one time. However we have been good stewards of our recent funds.
- The \$750 budgeted for the Pollinator garden was transferred from McCloud Park.
- Couple of things to look at: Ag center received check from county, need to look at banquet, not spend money on ourselves – it was decided to have pizza and salad, members will split the cost.
- There should be education program at Master Gardener booths, i.e. Bridge Festival
- Are we getting our ‘bang for our buck’, are we getting out there

Mary Salimbene-Merriman made a motion to include State Conference monies in general budget and not be tracked separately.

Karen Long second the motion.

Motion was passed unanimously.

Project chairs will need to track monies spent and if more is needed will need to have the members’ approval. Project chairs also need to give a detailed budget with their requests with funds: what they need the money for, etc.

Pollinator Workshop Update: 23 people signed up for workshop on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

We will vote on budget in March. It will be sent out prior to the meeting for review.

Other comments:

- Master Gardeners could have mini- workshops with public at other locations.
- Need to recruit more people for our classes.
- OSU does not offer remote classes, i.e. on line classes.

Meeting adjourned.