

**Union County Master Gardener Association**  
**Business Meeting Notes**  
**January 27, 2016**

**Attendees:** Laurie Lowe, Bobbi Brown, Bill Ronschke, Karen Moots, John Walkup, Harry Kirtley, Eunice Hornsby, Scheral Greider, Devin Lyon, Rose Beeson, Sheila Nichols, Donna Maley, Kay Nichols, Julie Jones, Mary Salimbene Merriman, Carole Carrico, Donna Gehring, Pat Houser, Dilu Juvarkar, Deb Jeffers, Kay Covert, Al Burnard, Chris Burnard, Penny Rushmore, Beth Johnson, Audrey Kise, Dixie Bowen, George McVey, Joan Griffin, Patty Sweeney

**Call to Order:** Al called the meeting to order.

January 2016 Presentation

- Chris Ahlum from Ahlum and Arbor presentation on trees and shrubs disease.  
[cahlum@ahlumarbor.com](mailto:cahlum@ahlumarbor.com). Mention you attended his presentation and they will waive the \$60 introductory fee.

**Introductions**

**Secretary's Report** – no report

**Treasurer's Report** – no activities to report for January

**Coordinator's Report**

- Apparel – on hold due to branding issues and rules
- OhioLine – old material, five years or older, has been removed from the site. Contact them if you need access to deleted material.
- Abuse Recognition – at February Business meeting a 30-minute video will be shown, which a requirement is for all MGVs. It is also available through VMS, State Links (on right side); let Coordinator know when you have viewed. You must view before volunteering.

**Old Business**

- Project Handbooks
  - Completed for August Plant Sales, Covered Bridge Festival Dahlia Show, Marketing Committee, McCloud Park, Project GROW, Scholarship Committee
  - Outstanding Adopt-a-Pot, Love and Learn, Magnetic Springs Beautification, Speaker's Bureau and Sprint Plant sale (for reference only). Due by February Business meeting.
- State MGVS Recognition Awards. Need volunteer to prepare nomination forms for our group this year.
- Officer Duties Handbooks
  - President and Vice President to be completed.
  - Treasurer and Secretary position descriptions will be available on VMS by the February meeting.
- Garage Clean up – completed on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

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**New Business**

- 2016 Proposed Budget
  - No Spring Plant sale this year.
  - Withdraw \$1035 from reserve for year to balance budget; total assets \$16,992.
  - Consider adding another income stream for next year to alleviate withdrawing from reserve.
  - Eunice Hornsby recommended Magnetic Springs also contribute funds for the project since it is their community.
  - Eunice Hornsby submitted a motion to pass the budget, Audrey Kise seconded, the motion passed.
- Annual Audit complete
- Educational Workshop
  - Scheduled from 9 am – 12:30 pm, Saturday, March 19.
  - Agenda will include two speakers and activity stations for attendees.
  - Space limited to 50 plus MGVs.
  - Follow-up meeting, Ag Center, Buckeye Room, February 17, 5-6 pm
- VMS – suggest adding photos to your VMS profile
- Recognition Banquet, April 27, Allen Township Hall
  - Need a chair and planning committee
  - Keynote speaker, Allison Hamilton offered to give history and tour of the Poling log cabin, formally on the Nestle Co. grounds
- Project Request Form
  - Will be revised to include state initiatives (backyard & local foods, Community Services, Environmental Horticulture, Integrated Pest Management, Invasive Species)

**Project Reports – sign up in VMS**

- August Plant Sale
  - Need a chair person
  - Audrey has chaired for the last few years, she has offered to assist the new chairperson with this year's planning.
  - Building is reserved
  - MGVs one fund raiser for the year, sole source of income
- Covered Bridge Festival, September 17 and 18
  - Setup up September 15 and 16
  - Thank you to Volunteers who helped in 2015
- Love & Learn
  - Handbook is available and will load on VMS
  - Planning meeting will be scheduled
- Magnetic Springs Beautification
  - No report
- McCloud Park
  - Sign will be added to recognize Dutch Mill donation

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- Going to Heartland Senior Citizen Center, 10 – 11 am, Thursday, February 4; planting paperwhites and working on Valentine crafts

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- Monthly Meeting Educational Program
  - February – Laura Pakis from Acme Canine – Growing Your Pet Friendly Garden
  - March – Keith Scheiderer presenting information on the latest flowering annuals.
  - April – Recognition Banquet
  - May – tentative location -- Stratford Educational Center  
<http://stratfordecologicalcenter.org/>
- Project GROW
  - Planning meeting to be scheduled by AI
- Speaker's Bureau
  - Presentation list compiled and will be sent to Chamber of Commerce, Business Bureau, etc. to see a list of topics available.
  - Update section in VMS
- Scholarship
  - 6<sup>th</sup> annual scholarship for \$1,000
  - Form posted on website
  - College and high school students should apply

Respectfully submitted,

*Donna Gehring*

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