

Volunteer Master Gardeners of Union County
January 22, 2020
Ag Center

Attendance: *see sign in sheet:* Laurie Lowe, Sara Parker, Penny Rushmore, Bea Metz, Harry Kirtley, Chris Burnard, Beth Johnson, Natalie Landon, Dilu Juvarkar, Donna Gehring, Audrey Kise, Karen Long, Joan Griffin, Bryan Bumgardner, Bill Paloney, Tyler Arvin, Alesia Miller, Sue Timmons, Julie Jones, Kay Nichols, Rebeca Honaker, Nancy Munson, Karen Moots, Donna Maley, Virginia McCreary, Dixie Baldwin, Jen Thompson Fredrick

Presentation: Peter Lowe from Dawes Arboretum: Introducing Natives into the Landscape

20:10 Business Meeting:

- Secretaries Report by Beth Johnson - Approved
- Treasurer Report by Donna Maley still working on all has balanced waiting to deposit check from a donor. Budget to be posted shortly. Project chairs to let Treasurer know by Feb 1, 2020. If changes bring to executive meeting for approval prior to posting to VMS.

Coordinators Report:

- Auditor has reviewed and balanced budget. More to come in Feb on things we need to do better
- Training Class 2020 Core classes (approximately 5 in Fall (October) January start volunteering after completing core classes then do classes following. Anticipate class completion by April. Better coordination with educators. VMG can also use the classes after January for continuing education. Plan is to implement this year. We have 26 people that have shown interest that Laurie will do outreach with.
- Marketing and design of flyers. We lost both marketing volunteers they went inactive. Sara Parker would like to share responsibility with Virginia Report next month.
- **Facebook-** Barbie can so posts to Facebook need to use VMG page as well as own page to reach folks who follow VMG posts. She can post pictures but should have content of what picture is about.
- Feb 8 10:00-1:00 Prairie Presentation at Dawes. Laurie needs to know tonight who can attend. Meet at visitor's center. Lecture visit prairie and activity to follow.

Old Business: none

Project Reports:

Plant Sale - Aug 8, 2020 and set up Aug 7th. Time to plan

Cultivating Community Gardens – 1st meeting with Dutch Mill - planning - asked for volunteers can sign up in VMS.

Farmers Market none

Marketing next month

Photo Contest: modifications to entry guidelines to clarify instructions. Take pictures. October is contest

Pollinator Garden – nothing to report. Nancy helping new presentation to County Commissioners. Sign up in VMS if you want to be part of this project.

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Project Grow – Natalie and Tyler 1250 cans of food were donated important initiative.as it gave the population a chance to give back to the community. Thank you for the donations. Gardens will be re-instated and container gardens will be used. All the details are being worked on. Julie provided and update on what needs to be done to get the garden ready. Early April plan to do major clean up activity. We need to do PREA Training every year to volunteer at COYC.

If completed PREA training with CYOC can possibly use this to be approved at ORW. More to come as the logistics are worked out if interested in participating in ORW please sign up in VMS.

Recognition Banquet – Mary and Donna G will cochair this

Scholarship – update scholarship end of month will be sent to counselor.

Tour of Gardens: July 12, Pre-tour July 11 we need to sign up in VMS to help hosts with gardens

New Business:

Suggestion - Scioto Garden Tour. July 22

Education topics: will be sent out by Sara, Opportunity at Stratford Saturday Feb 29th Maple syrup there will be an invite and \$ fee that is passed on to presenter.

Tuesday - July 28th hosting a diagnostic workshop. Setup food, beverages, rooms.

Beth Johnson - secretary out of town next meeting asking someone to jot down notes: Nancy Munson volunteered

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Beth Johnson