

Union County Master Gardener Association

Business Meeting Notes

June 24, 2015

Attendees

Dixie Bowen, Bobbi Brown, Al Burnard, Chris Burnard, Kay Covert, Vera Cyre, Donna Gehring, Scheral Greider, Mary Ann Haynes, Pat Houser, Deb Jeffers, Julie Jones, Dilu Juvarkar, Johanna Keiser, Harry Kirtley, Audrey Kise, Lisa Kovinchick, Karen Long, Laurie Lowe, Carolyn Madziar, Donna Maley, Bea Metz, Bill Paloney, Carole Stolte-Brouillette, Patty Sweeney, and Jon Weiss

July Educational Program

Carmen Irving, Extension Educator, presented on Home Canning.

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Al called the group to order.

Secretary's Report

There were no updates.

Treasurer's Report

Carolyn presented slides of the updates to the Treasurer's Report: to maintain full visibility, all monies are reflected in the report, including the checking account, 2014 State Conference funds and the CDs.

Coordinator's Report

- Laurie indicated the OSUE-branded t-shirts will ship once every county approves their order. Vendor anticipates a two week turnaround time once they receive the approvals.
- Laurie ordered a new banner to replace the current one, and anticipates having it for the Plant Sale.
- Reminder to carry your OSUE Abuse Recognition and Reporting postcard when you volunteer. We are awaiting the presentation slides from OSUE.

New Business

- Reminder to register [here](#) for the 2015 [State MG Conference](#) by July 24 to secure the early registration discount. \$195 for full conference. \$220 after July 24.
- Audrey purchased more gardening gloves to offer for sale during upcoming events.

Project Reports

- **Adopt-a-Pot** – Donna Maley & Mary Salimbene-Merriman: the pots are very full and look good.
- **August Plant Sale** – Audrey Kise: the July 22 email Audrey sent contains all of the information about the sale and your responsibilities, including:
 - Wear your name tag
 - Email Audrey if you have any questions (Audrey.kise@gmail.com)
 - Bring at least 10 and as many more potted, watered and labeled plants as possible!
 - Sign up to work via the event calendar in VMS, or just come – we will need all to help
 - Drop plants off 1:00 – 7:00 pm Friday, Aug. 14
 - We will have sloppy joe and water; bring a side-dish to share if you'd like
 - Doors open at 8:00 am on Saturday, Aug. 15
 - You can be a roving helper or an expert; we need 2 cashier helpers and 1 more cashier

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- We will wear an apron and have gloves for sale; Hank will sharpen tools for a donation, so bring your tools
- **Covered Bridge Festival** – Bea Metz: thanks to those that cleaned and mulched the two wooded areas. Union Co. recyclers donated 12 containers that we will paint, and we will schedule one more mulching event. Sign up to assist with activities during the festival.
- **Diagnostics/Helpline** – Laurie Lowe: Dilu and Patty are handling and Wayne (OSUE) is very grateful for their efforts
- **Love & Learn** – Chris Burnard: harvested a good amount of produce the past couple weeks and the beds look good.
- **Magnetic Springs Beautification** – John Weiss and Karen Long: weeded beds during a recent visit and addressed this with the Village Council who will now take over that activity.
- **Marketing** – Kay Covert and Lorna Williamson: no new updates.
McCloud Park – Dixie Bowen and Julie Jones: bed chairs are asked to check on their beds periodically. Coordinating with the City to spray walkway and playground areas. Planning Senior Day for Thursday, Aug. 13, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. We need MGVs to bake cookies/bars/brownies (nothing that can spoil or melt in the heat) to provide during the event and for guests to take home in a treat bag. We need MGVs to help interview the 20 seniors and capture their garden memories.
- **Monthly Meeting Educational Program** – Dixie Bowen: see below for August program.
- **Project GROW** – Al Burnard: have donated much produce to the food pantry and other than the tomatoes, everything in the garden looks good.
- **Scholarship Committee** – Audrey Kise: no new updates
- **Speaker's Bureau** – Lisa Kovinchick and Eunice Hornsby – Lisa indicated they have received no new speaking requests. Awaiting word on fall radio programs. Let Lisa know if you have a topic on which you would like to speak.
- **In addition** – Scheral is looking for 2 – 3 people to help with a demonstration and 1 person to do a demonstration at the Farmer's Market Festival on August 8, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

August Educational Program

On August 26, Steve Stolte will speak about the covered bridges in Union County. The time of his presentation will be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Covert

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