

Union County Master Gardener Association  
Monthly Business Meeting  
July 26, 2017 7:00PM – Buckeye Room

**Attending:** Dixie Bowen, Dilu Juvarkar, Pat Houser, Penny Rushmore, Bobbi Brown, Donna Gehring, Jon Weiss, Karen Moots, Audrey Kise, Eunice Hornsby, Harry Kirtley, Deb Jeffers, Kay Covert, Sara Parker, Mary Merriman-Salimbene, Donna Maley, Patty Sweeney, John Walkup, Bill Paloney, Laurie Lowe, Lisa Kovinchick, Mary Ann Haynes, Joan Griffin, Scheral Greider, Julie Jones, Kay Nichols

**Call to Order:** Lisa Kovinchick

## **July Educational Program – 7:00 PM**

Sarah Lenkai, Urban Farms “Development to Maturation of a Major Food Resource”

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**Secretary’s Report:** Donna Gehring, change to June minutes – possible community garden in Richwood (not Raymond); please send the amount of donated produce to me before August 1.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Mary Salimbene-Merriman, no income, \$527 in expenses

**Coordinator’s Report:** Laurie Lowe and Eunice Hornsby

- Laurie, training classes, we only have two applications, so probably no classes this year. She contacted surrounding counties to see if they had anyone interested in taking classes, but none to date. Announcement will be on Facebook, in the paper, Farmer’s Market, etc. Due August 1, application will be available at the plant sale. Have the class next year if we don’t hold one this year. Some applicants came from the garden tour in previous years. Perhaps have a float to distribute literature, etc., for next year.
- GROW Ohio, winners were Claremont, Greene and Knox Counties were the early winners.
- 2019, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania is the international MGV conference
- Ohio State Conference, room for 330 participants, they have about 100 registrants so far.
- There is \$500 available to MGV via resource grant funds. A laptop was proposed, but since OSU Extension will own it, it will probably too expensive to conform to the requirements. Eunice is now looking into purchasing signage.
- Reminder, please be sure to sign and return the volunteering with minors form, so you can work in the Project GROW garden.

### **Old Business:**

- Fall Training Class, see above
- State Resource Purchase, see able
- Grow Ohio, see project report
- Master Gardener State Conference September 29 – 30, 2017 reminder

### **Project Reports:**

- AG Center Demonstration Gardens – Dixie Bowen, went over the garden design from Berbee’s. No response from OSU to date.

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- August Plant Sale – Karen Long, has a few plant markers available for MGV to take, please mark everything that you bring. Setup is Friday, August 11, bring plants to Armory at 1 pm-7pm, please bring them potted and watered and include pictures, if possible. Please come and volunteer, great way to meet the public. The sale is open on Saturday, be there at 7-7:15 am to prepare. Some MGV will need to bring plants that morning. Previous years there is a line formed before we open, the sale opens at 8 am. Wear master gardener shirts and name tags. Bring wagons, plant trays, etc.
- Covered Bridge Festival – Bea Metz/Kay Nichols, there will not be a demo tent, it will be a music pavilion. We can do a couple of demos in our booth if we can come up with topics—fairy garden, bulb planting, divide plants, pollinator workshop, etc. Friday, September 22, 2-5 pm, need help setting up tent and tables. Saturday, need at least 10 volunteers to staff the booth, Sunday opens at 11, 4 pm is teardown.
- Cultivating Community Gardens – Chris Burnard, Gardens looking great, no issues. At Dutch Mill, we are not getting support from West Central. So MGV are doing the work, which is not our mission. We may need to contact other groups to volunteer. Richwood Garden is only under consideration, but is not an official project at this time.
- Home Grown 101 – Al Burnard, last class consisted of about 13 people. Trained about 84 people so far.
- Marketing Committee – Kay Covert, no activity
- McCloud Park – Dixie Bowen/Julie Jones, no trash bags available at the park, next clean up day is third Saturday in August. Please remember to turn in any other receipts for McCloud.
- Project GROW – Julie Jones and Donna Gehring, going well with lots of produce being harvested.
- Scholarship Committee – Audrey Kise, no activity
- Speaker's Bureau – Eunice Hornsby, no activity

**August Educational Program:**

Nancy Herber, Nature Photography