

Union County Master Gardener Association
Monthly Business Meeting
March 23, 2016, 7:00 pm, Buckeye Room

Attendees: Karen Moots, Karen Long, Donna Gehring, Chris Burnard, Al Burnard, Vera Cyre, Pat Houser, Penny Rushmore, Harry Kirtley, Scheral Greider, Debra Jeffers, Bill Paloney, Audrey Kise, Patty Sweeney, Bill Ronschke, Julie Jones, Kay Nichols, Lisa Kovinchick, Beth Johnson, Joan Griffin, John Walkup, George McVey, Dixie Bowen

Call to order: Al Burnard

March Educational Program – 7 pm, Keith Scheiderer – What's New in the Garden

Monthly Business Meeting – 8 pm

Secretary's Report: Donna Gehring – no changes to February Business Meeting minutes

Treasurer's Report: Mary Salimbene-Merriman – Al reported we had income of \$330 and expenses of \$177.

Coordinator's Report: Karen Long reported:

- There will be no need to rescreen MGV every year. Everyone must be screened at least once, but no additional screening will be required.
- Abuse training is required for all MGVs. We must let OSU know if we are doing a program with youth and have custodial care. At this time, our group does not plan any programs where we will have custodial care.
- Volunteer opportunity -- A volunteer is needed to take over the historian position to maintain the MGV scrapbook. Included are photos and newspaper articles that relate to MBVs. The items are sometimes displayed at public events. All MGVs may contribute items.
- The MGV office in the Agriculture Center has moved to a smaller space. Laurie and Karen are reorganizing and the library of gardening books may need to be thinned.

Old business

- Handbook for submitting nominations for State MGV Recognition Awards and International Awards, all historical forms from 2013 forward have been loaded into VMS to use as reference material.
 - Volunteer opportunity -- need MGVs to prepare nomination forms for our group.
- Handbooks for President, Secretary and Treasurer have been added to VMS.

New business

- Educational Workshop – Saturday, March 19th – Denise Ellsworth on pollinators and Donna Schwab on monarch butterflies. Dixie received positive comments on the feedback forms and emails. She will pull together a handbook for reference and add to VMS.

- Recognition event – Donna Gehring reported that all plans are in place for the banquet. She suggested that MGVs attending bring appetizers and desserts by last name designation A-M bring appetizers; and N – Z bring desserts
- Community Outreach that MGVs are participating in:
 - Earth Day at Marysville Pubic Library, April 23, 10 am - noon
 - Passport to Fishing – Marysville Parks Department, May 7, 1 – 4 pm
- Agricultural Service Center Property Changes due to construction
 - Five Love and Learn beds need to move by June 1. The Union Co. Health Department was contacted, they have grant money and they are willing to meet and discuss. An ideas was suggested to establish gardens in Richwood area. Farrisburg Methodist Church is another possible site, they had discussed a similar garden. The goal is to have MGVs be in a support role and have the community maintain. Perhaps partner with the school district, at the high school or Bunsold Middle School, Hope Center. Will meet and discuss with committee and report back next month.
 - Garage will be torn down
 - Currently storing pots for August plant sale and potting mix. We need to distribute pots and then purchase potting mix as needed for Adopt-A-Pot. Bring remainder to May meeting for MGVs to take. Three rain barrels stored in garage as well. Will advise next steps at next meeting.
- August Plant Sales – Audrey will work with Karen to train her as co-chair, sale will be held August 13. Please plan to share your flowers, but remember no houseplants. Volunteer opportunity – a co-chair is needed. If you are interested, there is a handbook in VMS.
- Covered Bridge Festival – no report
- Magnetic Springs – received letter from the village council that they don't have enough people to maintain the beds. They have chosen not to participate this year.
- McCloud Park – Dixie sent email to interns to assign them to a bed. April 9th is the first work week.
- Educational meetings:
 - April Recognition Banquet, Allison Hamilton, *Talk and Tour of the Poling Log Cabin*
 - May Business meeting, Joetta Callentine from Stratford Ecological Center. Her topic is Arthritis, an herbal outlook.
- Project grow – Al is working on a schedule. We will begin working in the garden starting in May.
- Scholarship applications are due April 5 deadline, Audrey Kise is organizing, the applicant must be a resident of Union County. At this time, we have one applicant.
- Speakers Bureau – Lisa Kovinchick mentioned that the radio station would like a presentation quarterly, which will be on Monday morning at 9 am. They will also promote our community activities. Contact Lisa if you would like to present.
- There will be a green house sales presented by the school program Monarchs for Monarchs (see flier from high school students for more details.)

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Gehring

Secretary