

Union County Master Gardener Association

Monthly Business Meeting

March 28, 2018 7:00PM – Buckeye Room

Attending: Donna Gehring, Audrey Kise, Dilu Juvarkar, Pat Houser, Karen Long, Lisa Kovinchick, Dixie Bowen, Scheral Greider, Chris Burnard, Al Burnard, Jon Weiss, Deb Jeffers, Natalie Landon, Harry Kirtley, Karen Moots, Karen Mikols, Penny Rushmore, Beth Johnson, Donna Maley, Mary Salimbene-Merriman, Kay Covert, Laurie Lowe, Bill Paloney, Eunice Hornsby

Call to Order: Lisa Kovinchick

March Educational Program – 7:00 PM

Shelly Detwiler, Mitchell's Berries

Monthly Business Meeting – 8:00 PM

Secretary's Report: Karen Mikols

Treasurer's Report: Donna Gehring - Al Burnard motion to accept the proposed 2018 budget, Scheral Greider seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously by Aye vote.

Coordinator's Report: Laurie Lowe and Eunice Hornsby

- Photo contest – Barbie resigned as the chair. Do we want to continue with the contest? It was decided we would continue for another year, but we need a chair; Barbie will help train new chair. Laurie will send an email asking for a volunteer for chair.
- Grow Ohio will continue, vegetable growers can continue keeping track of produce donated.
- Master Gardeners will volunteer in Ecuador in 2019.
- State Conference will be hosted by Hamilton County September 21-23.
- International conference will be in Philadelphia June 21, 2019.
- The group decided to host a Diagnostic Workshop in 2019. Eunice will enter Union County to host. The state will provide speaker and the group will receive reimbursement for expenses such as lunch and material purchases.

Old Business:

- Awards Banquet will be held April 25, 2018 in the Buckeye Room. We will have Benny's pizza and salad. Please sign sheet; are you attending or not, preference of topping and drink. Also if you are bringing a dessert. The cost will depend on the number of attendees.

Project Reports:

- **Ag Center Demonstration Gardens – Dixie Bowen** – 35 people attended the Pollinator Workshop, 17 MG volunteered, Deb was in charge of food, Julie activities and 10 boxes were sold.
- The Garden Committee will meet on Friday April 6th at 10:00, plan to plant perennials on April 28th, and vegetables on May 2nd.

- The group decided to go to the Mitchell's Berries event on June 9th; everyone will make their own reservations and email Dixie so she can coordinate with Shelly. The cost is \$40.00 per person, MG may bring a guest.

August Plant Sale – Karen Long

- The plant sale is August 11th - it's time to start dividing and potting perennials for the sale.

Covered Bridge Festival – Kay Nichols/Beth Johnson

- Need 2 boxes of succulents for demonstration tent.

Cultivating Community Gardens- Chris Burnard

- Will meet at Dutch Mill on April 16 and May 14 at 8:30am.
- Met with Health Department to get gardens ready, will work every other week on Thursday from 4 to 5 at tea house. Will use produce to cook in house; Dutch Mill donated plants.
- Shawn is working with North Union FFA in Richwood to give insight on how to build a vegetable garden.

HomeGrown 101 – nothing

Garden Tour – Lisa Kovinchick

- Committee met prior to business meeting. Garden chairs are to meet with homeowners about education ideas. Home owner Meet and Greet will be prior to the June business meeting. If anyone is interested in making gifts for the home owners please let Lisa know.

Marketing Committee – Kay Covert

- Response from email was 1. Workshops; 2. Invite public to monthly education programs; 3. Social Activities.
- May meeting will be an open house starting at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Will promote thru Facebook page and fliers.

Project Grow-Julie Jones and Donna Gehring

- Meeting and tour will be April 3rd at COYC.
- Plants will be donated
- City of Marysville will donate compost and mulch
- Work days will be Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 pm and every other Thursday from 6 to 7pm.

Scholarship Committee – Audrey Kise

- Scholarship application is on website, deadline is April 5th.

Speakers Bureau – Eunice Hornsby

- Nothing

Laurie, Al and Chris will complete paperwork to nominate Health Department for State Conference Award.

Next month's education will be 'backyard chickens' presented by Mary Salimbene-Merriman.

Meeting adjourned.