

Union County Master Gardener Association
Monthly Business Meeting
October 26, 2016, 7:00PM – Buckeye Room

Attendance: Laurie Lowe, Al Burnard, Chris Burnard, Barbi Conaway, Ron Long, Karen Long, Donna Gehring, Karen Moots, Dixie Bowen, Scheral Greider, Pat Houser, Dilu Juvarkar, Harry Kirtley, Patty Sweeney, Carole Carrico, Bea Metz, Natalie Landon, Betsy Hauck, Donna Maley, Joan Griffin, Audrey Kise, Beth Johnson, Mary Ann Haynes, Jon Weiss, Kay Nichols, Julie Hones, Lisa Kovinchick, Sara Parker, John Walkup

Call to Order: Al Burnard

October Educational Program:

Linda Wuethrich and Susan Helterbran from the North Central Ohio Solid Waste District, presented *Recycled Yard Art*, at 7:00 PM in the Buckeye Room

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Secretary's Report: Donna Gehring, no changes to the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Salimbene-Merriman, October balance is \$12,386; CDs are \$5,023. We are planning to convert the short term CD to a longer term CD to increase the interest rate.

Coordinator's Report: Karen Long and Laurie Lowe

- Laurie asked people to add their hours on VMS
- You will need to complete the online recertification form on VMS to continue as a Master Gardner.
- Abuse training flier was handed out, everyone must read and sign. A reminder and the form will also be sent by email.
- If you did not donate flowers to the plant sale, the \$10 annual fee should be given to Mary.

Old Business:

- Recognition Event Survey – please complete the survey, which was sent as an email, and return as soon as possible.

Officer Elections in October

- Election of Officers for 2017
 - Audrey Kise presented the slate of candidates for officers for next year:
 - President, Lisa Kovinchick
 - Vice President, Kay Nichols
 - Secretary, Donna Gehring
 - Treasurer, Mary Salimbene-Merriman.
- Al read off the candidate slate. He also asked for any other nominations.
- No additional nominations were received from the floor
- The slate of officers was voted on and unanimously approved as presented.
- Al thanked Audrey Kise for her efforts to assemble the nominees.

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Officer Elections in October (continued)

- Effective January 1, 2017, Mary Salimbene Merriman, by her election as Treasurer of the Union County Master Gardener Association, is hereby authorized as a signatory for the checking account named Master Gardeners of Union Co. at The Richwood Banking Company. Signatory authorization remains in effect until the end of her elected term or resignation/removal from said office.
- Effective January 1, 2017, Lisa Kovinchick, by her election as President of the Union County Master Gardener Association, is hereby authorized as a signatory for the checking account named Master Gardeners of Union Co. at The Richwood Banking Company. Signatory authorization remains in effect until the end of his elected term or resignation/removal from said office.

New Business

- Photos for this year's photo contest were presented and votes were collected. Barbi Conway will summarize the votes and present the winning photos at the November meeting.
- Committee Chairs – please submit your request for funding for your projects for our 2017 budget planning. Dollars need to be submitted to the treasurer ASAP, since we will prepare a draft budget in early November.
- Quick Reminder that we will be hosting an end of the year potluck at our November meeting.
 - Officers will provide the main dishes
 - Attending members provided their preference to bring a side, salad or desert on a sign-up sheet.

Project Reports:

- August Plant Sale – Karen Long/Audrey Kise; hold on the second weekend in August 2017; if you donated plants, you do not need to pay the annual \$10 fee and you also can add one house in VMS as a volunteer.
- Covered Bridge Festival – Bea Metz/Kay Nichols; biggest turn out for the bridge festival; they thanked MGVs for all of their assistance.
- Cultivating Community Gardens – Chris Burnard/Al Burnard; a wrap-up meeting is scheduled on November 1; developing a plan for the Buckeye House garden, because of the lack of participation. Email any suggestions to Chris.
- McCloud Park – Dixie Bowen/Julie Jones; one more work session, second Saturday in November, 9 – 11 am. Met with city managers because we can't fulfill our mission statement there with no educational opportunities, no signage, etc. Is there another garden that we could manage, smaller beds, etc.? A committee will be formed to discuss future plans. The city managers were supportive and are looking forward to our suggestions.
- Project GROW – Al Burnard; Julie Jones and Donna Gehring will co-chair the project next year. MGV volunteer opportunities will be available and posted on VMS.
- Speaker's Bureau – Eunice Hornsby & Lisa Kovinchick; received a request for 30-minute presentation to address the Union County Homemaker's meeting, December 1, 6:30 – 9 pm at the Ag Center. Please contact Eunice if you are interested in speaking.

November Educational Program:

- Joshua Shields, ODNR Game Warden for Union County, Joshua will have a presentation about deer in Ohio, managing the population and dealing with deer problems.

Future Meeting Educational Programs:

January 2017 – Hank Edwards, Care of home lawn and garden tools

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February 2017 – Bob Berbee, Summer Bulbs