

# Union County Master Gardener Association

## Business Meeting Notes

September 27, 2017

### Attendees

Dixie Bowen, Angi Carey, Kay Covert, Scheral Greider, Mary Ann Haynes, Deb Jeffers, Beth Johnson, Julie Jones, Harry Kirtley, Audrey Kise, Lisa Kovinchick, Karen Long, Laurie Lowe, Donna Maley, Bea Metz, Karen Mikols, Karen Moots, Kay Nichols, Bill Paloney, Sara Parker, Penny Rushmore, Mary Salimbene Merriman, Patty Sweeney and John Walkup

**Call to Order:** Lisa called the group to order.

### September Educational Program

Scott Zanon presented "Spring Flowering Trees for Ohio."

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**Secretary's Report:** please send any edits to last month's meeting minutes, to Donna G.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary indicated the report will be posted to VMS. Last month's activity: \$55.00 in income and \$158.98 in expenditures. Audit results included suggestions to attach paperwork to each transaction and keep deposit slips. Earlier this year, a \$200.00 deposit was recorded as \$180.00. **Action item:** Committee Chairs: please submit your 2018 committee budgets to Mary whether or not they will change.

**Coordinator's Report:** the Coordinator's Call was cancelled due to the Farm Science Review.

### Old Business

- **State Resource Purchase Update** – Laurie reported that after considering software, hardware and promotional items, the decision was made to hold off purchasing the items.
- **Grow Ohio** – **Action item:** let Donna G. know the weight of any produce you donate to food banks.
- **Officer Elections** – During the October meeting we will vote for the open positions: Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please send suggestions for nominations to Kay C., Angi or Beth.

### New Business

- **Photography Contest** – Photo Contest to be held during Oct. 25 meeting. Winner will be announced during Nov. meeting. **Action item:** send photos before Oct. 25 to Barbi, Drudy, Laurie or Eunice.
- **November Business Meeting & Potluck** – In Nov., we will meet one week earlier, on **Nov. 15, 2017**, at 7:00 pm, and hold our annual Potluck and Photo Contest. **Action item:** please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. Officers will provide the main dish.

### Project Reports

- **Ag Center Demonstration Gardens** – Dixie Bowen: we received approval for the project. We will combine a workday at McCloud and the Ag Center. Watch for an announcement. So far the committee has amended the soil in the Ag. Center beds.
- **August Plant Sale** – Karen Long: the group voted and approved next year's sale date: Aug. 1, 2018.
- **Covered Bridge Festival** – Bea Metz/Kay Nichols: thanks to the volunteers that helped make the event a success. The group demonstrated how to pot and care for succulents, handed out 2-300

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mini-pots, answered many questions, signed up five potential interns and a scholarship candidate, and nearly sold the remaining garden glove inventory. **Action item:** send photos and stories to Barbi to post on MG Facebook page.

- **Cultivating Community Gardens** – Chris Burnard: Franklin Park Conservatory awarded the project their “Going to Green”. Action item: send notification to Barbi for posting on Facebook. The garden at Dutch Mill has been put to bed for the year; Wings garden still producing tomatoes and peppers.
- **Home Grown 101** – Al Burnard: Al plans to give a report early next year.
- **Marketing** – Kay Covert: Julie and Dixie reported the Recruiting Strategies Committee met and brainstormed ideas including: promoting MG programs and benefits to the community, future educational projects to regularly engage the public, and how to retain MGVs.
- **McCloud Park** – Dixie Bowen/Julie Jones: **Action item:** everyone is invited to participate in the Oct. 14 potluck breakfast 9 – 11:00 am at the park, to celebrate our achievements at McCloud.
- **Project GROW** – Julie Jones/Donna Gehring: more than 750 pounds of produce was harvested and donated to the local food pantries this year.
- **Scholarship Committee** – Audrey Kise: Audrey plans to contact the interested candidate.
- **Speaker’s Bureau** – Eunice Hornsby: new contact information for Pete Emmons, WQTT: [pemmons@icsohio.com](mailto:pemmons@icsohio.com).

Audrey offered to order more garden gloves to replenish the stock.

**October Educational Program**

Al Burnard will present on Community Gardening.

**November Educational Program**

Presentation by Hemisphere Coffee.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Covert, on behalf of Donna Gehring, Secretary