

Master Gardener Foundation Kitsap County



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*Promoting long term environmental health
through sound and sustainable horticultural practices*

The purposes of this non-profit Foundation are solely educational and charitable to enhance and supplement the effort of the WSU Master Gardener Program and thereby provide education and information to the citizens of Kitsap County.

DRAFT Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 2, 2008

I. Call to order

Becky Croston called the regular meeting to order of the Master Gardener Foundation of Kitsap County at 1:10 PM on Wednesday, January 2 2008, at the Eagles Nest, Kitsap Fairgrounds, Bremerton, WA.

Board members in attendance: Becky Croston, President, Mary-Cathern Edwards, Secretary, Sandy Livermore, Treasurer, Marialis Jurges, Vice President, and Directors at Large; John Mikesell, Ray Etheridge and Roland Malan. Also in attendance, Peg Tillery, , Sharron Etheridge, Debra Ady, Cat Ross, Carol Johnson, Sherie Kiley, Allen McKibben. The minutes of the December 5, 2007 meeting were accepted.

Reports and Announcements

Treasurer's Report for January 2, 2008 MGFKC Board meeting.

This is the last treasurer's report for the year 2007. Not much went on this last month of 2007. More money came in to pay for the 2008 class of new Master Gardeners. I transferred \$4,000 to checking which will help pay for the new computer system for MG Program (the computer is on order and should arrive in the next several days). I also rolled over for another year the other money that was in that CD. Currently we have \$11,319.41 in checking and \$35,986.35 overall.

Treasurer's Review – Sandy Livermore

ACCOUNTS	BALANCES	
Bank Accounts		
Kitsap Bank CD #1 (128) closed	\$	
Kitsap Bank CD #2 (129) Closed	\$	-
Kitsap Bank CD #3 (130) closed	\$	-
	\$	
Kitsap Bank CD #4 (131) 7-7-08	8,113.50	
Kitsap Bank CD #5 (132) Closed	\$	-
	\$	
Kitsap Bank CD #6 (133) 4-6-08	4,434.28	
Kitsap Bank CD #7 (134) closed	\$	-
	\$	
Kitsap Bank CD #8 (135) 12-6-08	3,800.48	
	\$	
Kitsap Bank CD #9 (136) 9-14-08	7,663.09	
	\$	
Kitsap Bank Checking	11,319.41	
	\$	
Kitsap Bank Savings	655.59	
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	\$	
TOTAL Bank Accounts	35,986.35	
	\$	
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Less Extension Funds (balance forwarded every year)	\$	
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	(1,117.59)	
	\$	
Total Foundation Funds	34,868.76	
	\$	
TOTAL Checking Account Balance	11,319.41	
Less Extension Funds (balance forwarded every year)	\$	
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	(1,117.59)	
	\$	
Total Foundation Funds	10,201.82	

Horticulture Report - Peg Tillery

No Horticulture report for December 2007.

Georgene Smith and Sharon Howard have been funded to work one day a week on Program Assistance and Howe Farm MG Program development through June 15, 2008, respectively.

Greenhouse Report – Peg Tillery

Kitsap County Facilities and Parks & Rec and MG volunteers will be disassembling and relocating the Bremerton Housing Authority greenhouse and an additional greenhouse framework located in Gorst, to the Howe Farm Barn for storage in March or April 2008, for WSU MG Extension Program use. The Barn will provide secure storage for both greenhouses. Members of the Greenhouse Committee (Kim Schlies, Laura Pittman-Hewitt, Ray Etheredge and Allen McKibben) will meet at a later date to study Howe Farm site possibilities, reassembly processes and maintenance costs. The Greenhouse Committee will explore greenhouse funding opportunities from local service groups. e.g. Kiwanis, Rotary and/or Soroptomists. The Extension Program has been advised by Kitsap County Facilities the permit costs will be waived. At this point, we have been assured by the Program and the County there is no cost to the Foundation.

Newsletter Committee – Gary Gratrix , Editor

January 10, 2008 is the deadline for submitting February-March editions to Gary; March 10 is the deadline for the April-May newsletter.

Becky Croston indicated Gary suggested extra copies of the February-March Newsletter be printed for distribution to the 2008 Intern Class. Becky called for a motion.

Roland Malon made the motion to provide copies of the February-March Newsletter to the 2008 Intern class. Ray Etheredge seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of providing the Feb-March newsletter to the 2008 Intern class.

Discussion: Cat Ross suggested the Foundation presentation (who we are and what we do) be made to the 2008 Interns during their AM work party visits to the Raab Park (April 4) and Anna Smith (March 28) Learning Gardens. Board Members will make presentations during the lunch break, prior to returning to the Norm Dicks Center for the remaining afternoon Clinic workshops. Cat Ross, Sherie Kiley and Peg Tillery will coordinate picnic choices (brown bag/potluck etc etc).

Members are reminded to contact Gary Gratrix if they wish to receive the Newsletter via e-mail and not by postal mail.

Calendar Feasibility Committee

Roland Malan reported the Calendar Feasibility Committee will meet 10 PM, Thursday, January 6 at Monica's Waterfront Bakery in Silverdale to discuss printing processes and again at 1 PM with photographic artist Winifred Whitfield at her Poulsbo studio to discuss content. The format has yet to be decided.

Plant Sale Committee

The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8 at Fire Station #41, on the corner of Fairgrounds and Military Roads. Meetings will take place the first Tuesday of every month, starting in February.

Our fuchsia baskets will need a new home -- These baskets represent 22% of plant sale profits, but FoxGlove Nursery can't provide all the room we need. If you have heated greenhouse space available, please contact Georgene Smith.

Membership Committee

John Mikesell reported the Committee needs a Chairperson, ASAP. Members were requested to contact John if you/they are interested. Membership forms were available at this meeting and will be at future meetings. Forms are also available at the MGF website: www.kitsapgardens.org Due to a few electronic glitches last year, registration is by postal mail only for 2008 (or in person at the monthly Board meetings, the first Wednesday of each month). Members are requested to print the forms and mail to the Extension Office or bring to the monthly Foundation meetings.

Program Committee Report – Debra Ady, Chairperson

The programs for January, February and March are listed below:

Topic: Heirloom Roses

Wednesday, 16 January 2008 1 – 3pm.

Speaker: Frank Gatto or Diane of Raft Island Roses

Kitsap County Fairgrounds Kitsap Sun Pavilion Conference Room

1200 Fairgrounds Road NW Bremerton

Costs: Free ~ Public Welcome

Details: Learn the history, care, and current popularity of heirloom roses

Special Notes: 2 specialty heirloom rose plants will be raffled after Q & A session

Tickets for rose plant raffle will be \$1 each
Winner must be present at time of drawing

Topic: Fragrant Plants

Wednesday, 20 February, 2008 1 – 3 pm

Speaker: Laura Pittman-Hewitt

Address of Event: Eagles Nest

Kitsap County Fairgrounds 1200 NW Fairgrounds Road Bremerton

Costs: Free Public Welcome

Special Notes: 2 lucky attendees will have a chance to win a \$10 coupon good towards a plant purchase from the speaker's booth at the Port Orchard or Gig Harbor Farmers' Market

Topic: Pruning in your Rose Garden

Wednesday, 19 March 2008 1 – 3 pm

Speaker: Ray Etheredge

Address of Event: Eagles Nest

Kitsap County Fairgrounds 1200 NW Fairgrounds Road Bremerton

Costs: Free Public Welcome

Details: Pruning roses to encourage disease free plants and healthy growth

Special Notes: Surprise 'tizers will accompany a social hour after the Q & A session
(FYI 'tizers is the correct spelling of the chosen word)

Debra will contact Jane Ramirez of West Sound and Garden Magazine with monthly program schedule.

New Business:

State Master Gardener Foundation Representative Report:

Representative Roland Malan indicated 'no report'.

Discussion: The State MG Foundation requested input for their scholarship program. A concern was noted that this type of funding may be in conflict with 501c3 nonprofit regulations. Roland will pursue this concern further at the next State MG Foundation meeting. The discussion was tabled.

Unfinished Business:

Committee Chairpersons needed: Becky Croston indicated we have NEED (please) of Committee Chairpersons for BOTH the Plant Sale Committee and Membership Committee. Members are requested to contact any Board Member if you interested. The Committees are in place, each with Board Member representatives...but we still need a chairperson.

Roland Malan provided the following "Job Opportunity" to be published in the next Newsletter:
The positions of Membership Chairperson and Plant Sale Chairperson remain open. These two activities are critical to the success of the Foundation.

Currently MG Foundation Board members are not permitted to chair any MGF Committee because our by laws are structured to include as many members as possible in Foundation activities to prevent any appearance of conflict of interest by Board members.

We need a volunteer for each position. Please contact MGF President Becky Croston (or any Board Member) if you are interested.

Budget Meeting Discussion:

The Board discussed the upcoming Annual budget meeting.

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for 1 PM, **Wednesday February 2nd**, at the Eagles Nest ,Kitsap Fairgrounds, Bremerton, WA. **Members are encouraged to bring snacks.** Your Secretary reminds all Committee chairpersons to submit Committee reports via e-mail prior to or on the day of the meeting.

Becky Croston adjourned the meeting at 2:50