



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.*

Approved Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 27, 2009 (Replaces June 3 Meeting)

I. Call to order

President, Marialis Jurges called the monthly meeting of the Master Gardener Foundation of Kitsap County to order at 1:15 PM on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at the Eagles Nest, Kitsap Fairgrounds in Bremerton, WA.

Board members in attendance: President, Marialis Jurges, Vice President, Becky Croston, Secretary, Arlene West and Directors at Large; Roland Malan, John Mikesell, Mary Cathern Edwards and Peg Tillery of the Extension Office. Not attending: Treasurer, Sandy Livermore

Foundation members in attendance were: Sharron Etheredge, Ray Etheredge, Cat Ross, and Donna Hamilton,

Reports and Announcements

Secretary Report: Arlene West

The minutes of the regular foundation meeting of May 6th 2009 were approved.

Treasurers Report: Sandy Livermore

No treasures report today.

Horticulture Report: Peg Tillery, Horticulture Educator

No horticulture report today.

Plant Sale Report: Becky Croston

Becky thanked all the rookies and others who helped John Mikesell with the native plants and all the other details required to make the plant sale a success. The "wrap up meeting" for the Plant Sale is on May 28th and a full report will be submitted at that time. "Thank YOU!" for all those volunteers who gave up their nice weather to help at our Plant Sale. You now know the amount of work it takes to make this successful, and you're to be patted on the back. I applaud those who worked every day, all day, and had enough in them to skip back from a car to the building, pushing a wheelbarrow. (Okay, so that was only one volunteer, but wow, what vigor!)

The bills are not all in yet, but we took in about \$11,300 (not including calendar sales.) Previous gross sales were: '05: \$8,100. '06: \$10,300. '07: \$12,300. '08: \$13,900. Considering the weather was so cold around our sale (most plants still had to be protected from sub-40 night temperatures) and knowing the economy also cut our sales, we did okay. We were complimented on the quality of our plants and the diversity. New this year were donated Hellebores, all sold. We had tomatoes left over, which will be donated to our own MG gardens for veggies for food banks and soup kitchens in our counties.

My call-out for trays brought an astounding response from all of you! --we had enough for the entire sale and I was so thrilled (and relieved!) I'm hoping you can do that again for next year, so any trays you can save will be appreciated!

Our "wrap up" committee meeting is Thurs. May 28 at Fire Station 51, Silverdale Way, at 1pm. Any input for 2010 you would like to contribute can be e-mailed to any committee member or to me at rcroston@juno.com.

Thank you all so very much.
Becky Croston

There was discussion on ways to get more people to the plant sale next year and some of them were:

- Consider paying for advertisements
- Strategically placed signs especially along Traceyton Blvd and Fairgrounds Road
- Ad in Coffee News (free "what's happening" section)
- Smoke Signals magazine
- Newspaper story that relates to the community benefit
- Publicity person

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- More involvement from other Foundation Members and MG

There will be a more complete report in July after the wrap up meeting with the committee.

Newsletter Report: Gary Gratrix, Editor

No newsletter report today. We are still looking for someone to fill Gary Gratrix position as the editor of the newsletter.

Seminars: Debra Ady presented by Cat Ross

The seminar with Susan Harrington was a success. 17 people attended the labyrinth class. The fee charged included an online class which was a bonus.

June 17th: Sue Goetz, Creative Gardening

July 15th: Sharon Howard, Sustainable Gardening with a potluck before the seminar.

We are still looking for someone that would like to be the chair for the seminars as Debra Ady will be stepping down at the end of the seminars this year. A job description for the seminar chair will be formulated by Cat Ross.

Calendar Committee: Cat Ross

No formal report this month but the following information was offered by Cat Ross, calendar chair.

There is a calendar signing at Bethel Avenue Books on Saturday, June 6th from 1:00-4:00 PM in Port Orchard.

We need to be able to sell calendars at the fair Wednesday, August 26 through Sunday, August 30th in or near the Master Gardener booth in order to sell all the calendars before January.

Left over calendars will be donated sometime after the first of the year.

Cat is still checking on the two local Costco's for selling at their locations.

Calendar sells are somewhat slow so far but it is still early.

Central Market in Poulsbo has sold one case of 50 and are on their second case. They have them displayed at each check out stand.

State Foundation: Roland Malan

The state foundation is soliciting a response from local foundations to see what they need from their state foundation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nominations for Awards:

It was suggested that we have our own honorary awards. They would be given to deserving foundation volunteers for exceptional service. A message to all foundation members will go out via constant contact requesting nominations for these awards. Peg Tillery and Marialis Jurges will work on the wording of the email.

NEW BUSINESS:

Insurance Policy:

The Foundation insurance policy came to the Extension Office and Marialis Jurges will pick it up and review it for details and then it will be determined who should have possession of it.

New Foundation Members:

The membership form will be reworded to be more "friendly" to discover what talents new members would like to share with the foundation. (i.e.: What talents or special skills would you like to share?) Mary-Cathern Edwards and Peg Tillery will work on the wording of the form and the board will add input and ultimately approve the new wording.

Audit Committee:

The audit committee is Beanie O' Neil, Roland Malan and Sandy Livermore. Fred Abrahamson indicated an interest on his Foundation Membership form.

Strategic Planning Meeting:

A date will be scheduled for a Strategic Planning session at the next board meeting on July 1st.

State Foundation Conference:

We discussed the State Foundation as it relates to the State Conference and WSU responsibilities.

Getting new members and ideas in the State Foundation could be achieved by having an assistant attend meetings with our representative and take over the position when the primary member resigns.

Graduation for New Rookies:

Graduation will be held on November 1st. Peg Tillery agreed that the "Gardeners at Play" calendar could be sold at the graduation.

UPDATES:

Buck Lake-Roland Malan:

Roland updated us on Buck Lake, they are in need of volunteers. Peg suggested the program Alternative to Detention for young workers. Roland reports that the park looks wonderful.

Olalla Garden-Mary-Cathern Edwards:

The garden is progressing well after only 7 weeks. You can view the changes on the website and see the amazing changes. More gardeners are needed and more soaker hoses would benefit the garden.

Fundraising Ideas:

Cat Ross suggested a Kitsap County Garden tour as a fundraiser in the future showing all the gardens.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM