

The Whatcom County Master Gardener Foundation Board Minutes August 2nd, 2018

Attended by: President - Harriet Arkley, 1st VP - Barbara King, 2nd VP - Barbara Schickler, Treasurer - Marilyn Glenn, Secretary – Kathy Barrett, Members at Large – Louise Granger, Victor Knox, Bonnie LeVan, Mill Shires, and Program Coordinator – Beth Chisholm.

Unable to Attend: Members at Large - Shelley Fishwild, Linda Bobblett, State Representative – Sandy Keathley

Meeting was called to order by Harriet Arkley at 10:00 am.

Approval of the Minutes

Kathy Barrett thanked Louise Granger for taking the minutes for the July 5th Board meeting in her absence.

Kathy Barrett made a motion that the minutes for July 5th, 2018 be approved and Vic Knox seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report

Marilyn Glenn submitted the **Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual** reports for **August 1st, 2018**.

Checking	\$7420.00
Savings`	\$54818.00
Greenhouse	\$13,172.00
Total available money	\$75,410.00

A motion was made by Kathy Barrett and seconded by Louise Granger to approve the August 1st, 2018 budget and the Board gave unanimous approval.

Old Business

Signage Update

Beth Chisholm reported that 14 signs were being made and would be ready for collection by Friday, August 10th. These signs will help identify the various demonstration gardens at Hovander.

Community Outreach

Marilyn Glenn and Barbara King reported that the new sandwich signs are being used. The Events Flyer will appear in hard copy as well as social media and is intended for the public as well as MGs.

The Community Outreach Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at 9:00 am at the Extension Office – those interested are welcome to attend.

Foundation Flyer

Barbara King and Linda Boblett have produced the 1st draft of the flyer, called MG SCOOP. The Board was very positive in their reaction to flyer. The flyer will go out to MG membership via email.

New Greenhouse Usage Update

Vic Knox reported that the new greenhouse is producing tomatoes, cucumbers and that all the plants are doing well, despite the heat.

Action Item: Vic will schedule open house times for the greenhouse that will coincide with Ask A Master Gardener Saturdays.

Revision of Foundation Website

Nothing to report currently.

Hovander and Roeder Outreach

Harriet Arkley reported that the Ask A Master Gardener has had a good response from both MGs and the public. Contacts with the public vary considerably between Saturdays. This program will continue through the end of August.

Bylaws Update

Mill Shires reported that the Bylaws review was continuing and that most recently the committee had considered two year terms for Board Members.

MG Meetings/Event Schedule 2018

Marilyn Glenn and Barbara Schickler presented the **August – September Gardener Events** flyer. Topics ranging from Dahlias, Gifts from the Garden, Mulching and Mushrooms will be offered. Beth Chisholm is organizing a Community Garden Tour for September 13th.

Action Item: The committee will settle on a location for the 2019 meetings.

A'Key Grant from King County MG Program

Barbara King has worked on the Ellen A'Key Grant Application and her efforts have payed off. Barbara announced that the grant was awarded to the Whatcom County MGs in the amount of \$1440.00. The program to benefit is entitled **Grow Your Groceries**. It will offer 4 sessions per year (for a total of 8 sessions) at the North Fork and Deming Libraries on growing veggies. These sessions are open to the public.

Re-vamping of Membership Roster

No report.

Action Item: Harriet Arkley, Vic Knox and Beth Chisholm will provide a set of recommendations to be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Slate for 2019 Foundation Board of Directors

Following discussion Vic Knox made a motion that the Board communicate a Board recommended Slate to the general membership in September with an invitation for additional nominations. Marilyn Glenn seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

Action Item: See above motion.

New Business

Report from the State

Sandy Keathley was not present.

Awards Nominees

Harriet provided a list of past recipients of the John Van Miert Gardener of the Year Award and the Broken Shovel Award along with a description of the qualifications for each award. The same information will be sent to MGs via the Weeder's Digest.

Action Items:

The Board will send suggestions to Harriet.

Decisions will be made at the September Board meeting.

Program Update

Beth Chisholm reported on a number of items;

- Cristina Airado will be leaving to go to grad school. Weeder's Digest articles should now be submitted to Beth.

- The Fair Week committee has been great. The Fair's overall theme is "Rooted in Agriculture" and the MG theme is "How Does Your Garden Grow?"
- The fall class for MGs may use a new venue and thought is being given to offering an evening Veggie education class.
- Director, Drew Betts will be retiring, and Sue Blake will be interim director.
- Whatcom County Parks, WSU – MG, and MG Foundation plan to liase with the Parks to form the MOU.

Mill Shires made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Louise Granger seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by the Board. The Board meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

**Next Meeting
September 6, 2018
@ 10:00 am
Extension Office Classroom**