

The Whatcom County Master Gardener Foundation Board Minutes September 6, 2018

Attended by: President - Harriet Arkley, Secretary – Kathy Barrett, Members at Large – Linda Boblett, Shelly Fishwild, Louise Granger, Victor Knox, Mill Shires, and Program Coordinator – Beth Chisholm.

Unable to Attend: 1st VP - Barbara King, 2nd VP - Barbara Schickler, Treasurer - Marilyn Glenn, Member at Large - Bonnie LeVan

Meeting was called to order by Harriet Arkley at 10:01 am.

Approval of the Minutes

Victor Knox made a motion that the minutes for August 2nd, 2018 be approved and Shelley Fishwild seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report

Harriet Arkley submitted the **Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual** reports for **August 30th, 2018**, in Marilyn Glenn's absence.

Checking	\$6420.00
Savings`	\$54818.00
Greenhouse	\$13,172.00
Total available money	\$74,410.00

A motion was made by Kathy Barrett and seconded by Linda Boblett to approve the August 30th, 2018 budget and the Board gave unanimous approval.

Old Business

Signage Update

Linda Boblett reported that 3 of the signs had to be returned for corrections. She also reported that David Keller was making posts for the signs and they will be in place for the 2019 season.

New Greenhouse Update

Vic Knox reported that tomatoes are being harvested and that all the plants continue to do well.

Revision of Foundation Website

Nothing to report currently.

Hovander and Roeder Outreach

Shelly Fishwild reported that a Weeping Siberian Spruce was planted at Roeder House on August 14th in memory of her husband.

Harriet Arkley reported that the Ask A Master Gardener program at Hovander was finished. Nine volunteers had volunteered on Saturdays for 4 hour per shifts. They tallied about 90 contacts. It was agreed that the program should continue next year. It was suggested that Sign-Up Genius could be used. It was also mentioned that the Hovander House being open on Saturdays was also a plus.

Vic suggested that MGs being present at Park events was a good way to increase outreach.

Bylaws Update

Mill Shires reported that the Bylaws Committee was continuing to review the entire document. They hope to present the review to the board early next year.

MG Meetings/Event Schedule 2018

Beth Chisholm reported that upcoming visit to community gardens on September 13th was organized. The gardens to be visited included We Grow, St Joseph Hospital, Christ the King – Bellingham Food Share and Farm.

Re-vamping of Membership Roster and Reapplication Forms

Beth reported that she had a list of MGs receiving service pins. MGs would be signing up for 2019 at the 2018 Awards Ceremony in October 11th.

Slate for 2019 Foundation Board of Directors

The slate for 2019 officers appeared in the Weeder's Digest and no comments had been received at the time of this Board meeting. Voting will take place at the Awards Ceremony on October 11th.

Awards Nominees

The Board voted on the Awards Nominees.

New Business

Report from the State

Sandy reported that Beth Chisholm, Karen Gilliam and David Keller planned to attend the State Conference in Wenatchee on September 26th – 28th. She also reported that because no Washington County had volunteered for the 2019 conference, there might not be one. A slate of new officers is being worked on at this time.

Program Update

Beth Chisholm reported on a number of items;

- With Cristina Airado leaving to go to grad school, the position of Master Composter coordinator is vacant.
- A waiting list for the 2019 class for MGs now has 25 to 30 sign-ups. An Open House will be held on September 20 and 22nd for people interested in the MG Program. November 30th is the sign-up deadline. The 2019 class begins on February 17th and runs for 12 weeks.
- Currently working on end of year and budget reporting.

Shelly Fishwild 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 11:22 a.m.

Next Meeting
October 4, 2018
@ 10:00 am
Extension Office Classroom