

**The Whatcom County Master Gardener Foundation
Board Minutes June 7th, 2018**

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

Unable to Attend: 2nd VP - Barbara Schickler, Members at Large - Shelley Fishwild, Bonnie LeVan, State Representative – Sandy Keathley

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

Approval of the Minutes

Vic Knox made a motion that the minutes for May 3rd, 2018 be approved and Barbara King seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

Action Item: Kathy Barrett noted that she would not be present at the July 5th Board Meeting and requested that someone take the minutes at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Marilyn Glenn submitted the **Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual** reports for **June 5th, 2018**.

Checking	\$9222.00
Savings`	\$54719.00
Greenhouse	\$13,142.00
Total available money	\$77,083.00

A motion was made by Kathy Barrett and seconded by Louise Granger to approve the June 5th, 2018 budget and the Board gave unanimous approval.

Old Business

MG Meetings/Event Schedule 2018

Barbara King distributed the June – July Master Gardener Events flyer. It contained information regarding Plant Clinics, Demonstration Gardens, Workshops/Tours and Ask a Master Gardener events.

Bylaw Changes

Harriet Arkley reported that the Bylaws committee has continued to meet and had planned 2 meetings in June.

Signage Update

Linda Boblett presented drafts for the signs for the demonstration gardens and the "You Are Here" sign at Hovander.

Linda Boblett made a motion that the Board approve the amount of \$600.00 for signage at Hovander and Roeder House. Barbara King seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Action Item: Linda Boblett will make the necessary arrangements with Signs Plus for the production of the signs.

Community Outreach

Marilyn Glenn reported that Barbara King makes the updates for the monthly Events Flyer. The flyer will cover events for two months at a time. The flyer will be available at Ask a Master Gardener, Farmer's Markets and other public events.

Marilyn Glenn reported that the lesson on irrigation was very successful. She also reported that we paid the speaker \$200 thru optional \$10 donations made by attendees

New Greenhouse Usage Update

Vic Knox reported that the new greenhouse brought in \$1600.00 with the sale of a variety of plants and veggie starts.

There are currently 30 hot species plants growing in the new greenhouse.

Vic thought the new greenhouse might be open to the public in a month.

Vic requested that a gift be given to George Kaas for all his assistance prior to the Plant Sale. Marilyn Glenn made a motion that \$100.00 be given to George Kaas as a thank you from the foundation for his support and the use of the Blaine High School greenhouse during the preparation for the Plant Sale. Barbara King seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Revision of Foundation Website

Nothing to report currently.

Hovander and Roeder Outreach

Information regarding events at Hovander and the Roeder House is included in the monthly MG Events flyer.

Peg Nathan is ready to begin the docent program at Hovander from June thru August. They will be held on Saturdays from Noon to 2:00 PM.

New Business

State Foundation Report

Sandy Keathley was not present.

A'Key Grant from King County MG Program (due July 1)

Barbara King is working on the Ellen A'Key Grant Application. The grant is designed to assist and support WSU MG projects in non-urban counties of Washington State. Whatcom County falls under this criterium.

Two possible uses for the grant money included: 1. Sponsoring a Ask A Master Gardener Day at Hovander and using the \$1500.00 to provide vans to transport people to Hovander on the day, 2. Visit every library in Whatcom County within a year's time.

Action Item: Beth Chisholm will help Barbara King locate MGs from the foothills to gather information to assist in the grant writing.

Program Update

Beth Chisholm attended the Annual State Meeting of MG Coordinators in Wenatchee. The goal of the conference was to complete a SWAT Analysis. Beth didn't go into detail as a report is forthcoming. Beth plans to form focus groups of MGs to look at questions like "Who are we as a group" and "Why do I remain a MG?".

Action Item: Beth will meet with Cheryl regarding revamping the membership roster.

MG of the Year Nomination (due June 15)

No nomination will be submitted this year.

Louise Granger made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Vic Knox seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by the Board. The Board meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next Meeting

August 2nd, 2018 @ 10:00 am
Extension Office Classroom