

MGF Board Meeting, April 11, 2017

Present: Diana Brooks, Nancy Forker, Julia Turney, Kate Yturri Barbara Orcutt, Glenda Pegeruge, Dianne Macondray. Guests: Brook Brower, Lenore Bayuk, and Susan Kunk.

Minutes from January meeting approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report:

There were minimal Foundation expenses this year. They include rent for annual meeting and farmers markets, and a microscope for Diagnostic Clinic. Budget report submitted by Nancy Forker.

Business and Reports:

Native Plant Sale: Revenue: \$6,900.02. Discussion of use of left over native plants for the development of the native plant garden in the Children's Garden on Orcas Island. Following discussion, Nancy Forker moved that the Orcas Island Master Gardeners pay cost of native plants they use for the development of the native plant garden. Seconded and passed.

Nominations to Board: Lenore Bayuk, San Juan Island and Susan Kunk, Orcas Island, Glenda Pergurude, Lopez, and Kate Yturri, Orcas have been nominated for board positions. Terms run from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020. There was a short discussion on balloting procedures at annual meeting. It was decided that the list of nominations would be distributed at the door and returned as paper ballots, allowing for write-ins.

Grant Funding Policy and Application Discussion: Application form for applications requesting grants from the MGSJC was reviewed. There was a short discussion of criteria and approval policies for grant applications. Suggested that a fund be established to handle small requests, perhaps under \$100.00, which does not require the formal application process. Nancy and Julia will work on draft criteria for proposals and for small requests under \$100.00. Suggested that each island in their annual budget development set aside a petty cash fund which would fund small, occasional expenses which arise. A question arose as to necessity of having WSU involved in projects if an outside group (not a Master Gardener organization) is involved in the project. This was not resolved.

MOA: The Memorandum of Agreement with WSU has been signed. Questions remain of insurance coverage for the public and volunteers at MG event and the use of non-discrimination language on all advertising. Brook will get the information and report to us.

Training: Started with 25 and 19 graduated 3 from Lopez, 8 from Orcas, and 8 from San Juan Island. Discussion of training revealed that two issues were difficult for trainees. First was the issue of bringing dogs to the training. Second was the manner in which the pesticide agreement was presented.

Mentor/Intern feedback. SJI received some feedback about weakness in the SJI mentor/intern relationship and confusion about the MG activities which are sponsored. Seems to be working well on Orcas and Lopez. SJI will have a welcome luncheon for the interns and try to improve communication.

Wide ranging conversation about communications within the group and with the public. It was suggested that greater use of the web page be implemented with a single calendar of events on all islands, articles to be read for continuing education, announcements of webinars. It was noted it is important to keep the web page update.

Island Updates: Lopez: Apple orchard update: 27 or 30 survived, fruit tree grafting workshop, historical museum will provide water. MG will again have booth at Sunset Builders; MG's are presenting bug of the month club at the Garden Club—10-15 minute presentation on a bug; MG's do a program at Hamlet House(senior housing)—Happy Hour Gardening, with a garden presentation. The public is invited. They are using two microscopes from the school for diagnostics. As usual periodic meetings are on-going. Orcas and San Juan didn't report as we ran out of time.

Master Gardener Program Update: Brook: Brook and Caitie have to sign off on continuing education hours. Questions: Can interns count continuing education as other volunteer hours? Can travel time on the ferry be counted as volunteer hours? Brook will get back to us---need a definitive answer.

Meeting adjourned: Next meeting July 11, 2017 on Orcas Island.