

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 Master Gardener Foundation of San Juan Island quarterly meeting.

Present: Julia Turney, Kate Yturri, Nancy Forker, Diane Macondray, Sandy May, Dot Vandever, Diana Brooks, Jody Burns.

Guests: Caitlin Blethen, Brook Brouwer

July quarterly meeting minutes approved.

Treasurer's report

Total funds on hand: \$35,689.79. Individual island funds have not changed.

Nancy will ask for budget reports and proposed 2017 budgets for each activity in November, 2016. Deadline for submission of activity budgets is December 31, 2016.

Anticipated general fund expenditures for 2017 include: microscope and equipment for Orcas Island diagnostic clinic.

Question asked about sales tax requirement on the sale of MG aprons by the Orcas Island group. Julia will research the answer to this question.

MGF Goals for 2017:

1. A wide-ranging discussion of goals for the 2017 year. Issues discussed include volunteer retention. The board agrees that requiring hours in each activity of the MG program and the refund of a portion of the training fee at the completion of required intern hours should be implemented. The implementation of a well-planned and monitored mentor program of new interns also was supported. Jody, Kate, Alice, and Sandy were suggested as a committee to develop ideas for intern involvement. This group will explore these ideas and give Brooke our suggestions.

Caitlin, the temporary volunteer coordinator for the MG program announced the first day of training is January 31, 2017. On the first day, the program activities will be explained to the trainees with invitations to become involved. Current master gardeners active in the program will be encouraged to attend.

2. Community Education: Following discussion of the importance of horticultural education both for the community and for continuing education of volunteers, it was decided to explore sponsoring 6 educational opportunities. Julia and Jody agreed to work on a program committee to work on the design of the workshops, the speakers, and the opportunities to collaborate with other organization in the county. An email will be sent out.

Fall Gardening Workshop Report:

Total of 59 registrants for a total of registration income of \$2,490. Total income from sponsorships: \$1250.00

Total expenses for the workshop were down this year, with net income between \$1500.00 and \$1600.00.

Dolly has said she will again head up the solicitation of sponsors. We need to find someone on each island to chair the fund raising to assist her.

Speakers were all well received. Overall it was a big success as an educational effort and Kate proposes that we try an annual event more time to see how it goes.

Awards: Discussion about awards and recognition of volunteers. Suggestion that an internship award/recognition for interns who go beyond the required first year hour was well received. It was agreed that some form of recognition and awards would be finalized for 2017 based on 2016 participation.

Salish Seeds: Participation is small, but the project is on-going participating. Diane Macondray will write an email to be sent out by Caity to all the MG's encouraging more participation. Based on recommendation by Jane Wentworth, no MOA needed at the moment. Does participation qualify for educational hours, but still unknown if count as hours for MG program---Caity will send out what is and is not MG qualified hours.

Native Plant Sale: Bundling: Friday March 10th—sale March 11th. No other reports.

Lopez Heritage Apple Project: Debbie Young announced that the project has successfully grafted nearly 30 trees. An MOA between WSU and the Lopez Historical Society is being negotiated for insurance purposes. Funding, still uncertain but grants, in kind donations, sales of items are all being discussed. It was suggested the Lopez group apply to the MGFSJ general fund for a grant. Questions were raised about long-term maintenance of the trees. Time line suggests the project will be built out in 2017.

State Foundation Board meeting: no representative from here going.

A County Fair committee is needed for the coming year.

Allocation of Funds

Next Meeting: Suggested and agreed that the next meeting should be a working meeting to hammer out goals for 2017 and approve budget.

Date: January 10, 2017. Location TBA.