

The Whatcom County Master Gardener Foundation

Board Minutes, June 1, 2017

Attended by: President – Harriet Arkley, 1st Vice President – Kay Fast, 2nd VP - Barbara Schickler, 2nd VP - Kathleen Bander, Treasurer - Marilyn Glenn, MG Program Coordinator - Beth Chisholm, Bonnie LeVan – MG, Margaret Kassner - MG, State Representative - Sandy Keathley

Unable to attend: Secretary - Kathy Barrett, Member at Large - Barbara King and Member at Large - Mill Shires

Meeting was called to order by President, Harriet Arkley at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the May 4th, 2017 board meeting were approved after a motion was made by Marilyn Glenn and seconded by Kathleen Bander.

Treasure's Report

Plant Sale Report

Marilyn reported that our gross sales from the 2017 Annual Plant Sale were \$16259. Total expenses were \$1518 and final net income was \$14741. Our net income for the 2016 Plant Sale was \$12292.

Marilyn also submitted the **Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual** report.

The following account totals were reported for 31 - May - 17:

Checking - \$15364.49

Savings - \$73348.90

Greenhouse - \$16409.08

The report was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Endowment Fund Update

Harriet reminded all Board members that we have a scheduled meeting with the Whatcom County Foundation at 2pm on Wednesday, June 14th. We will discuss the mechanics of setting up an MGF endowment and plan how to present to the membership and market for future growth. September or October will be our target for a formal presentation.

Action Item: All Board members are expected to attend.

Power Washer for New Greenhouse

Judy Boxx has requested approval for power washer cleaning for the new greenhouse for approximately \$750.00. She is still working to gather estimates.

MG Meetings/Events Update

Barbara Schicker and Kathleen Bander presented the latest dates for upcoming events. The trip to Whidbey Island has ten registrations to date and will be advertised again. Margaret Kassner will send the registrants an email to confirm their registration and further details for the trip. The trip to Orcas Island that was planned for July has been cancelled based on cost.

Action Item: Barbara or Kathleen will send a list of events with descriptions to the Board and to Beth Chisholm.

Signage Update

Beth Chisholm reported that the Signage Committee is on hold.

Usage of New Greenhouse Update

Beth Chisholm reported that six to eight MG Interns are meeting next week to decide on what to grow in the greenhouse. Both soft cuttings and exotic plants are being considered. Vic Knox has agreed to be the team leader. The plan is to have the greenhouse open to the public on Saturdays.

MOAs with County Parks and WSU Update

Beth Chisholm reported that she will make a second request to meet with Christ Thomsen to discuss revision of our MOA which expires this year.

Action Items: Beth will forward a copy of the current MOA to all Board members. Harriet and Dave Keller and/or Shelly Fishwild will review the current MOA and provide feedback to Beth.

NEW BUSINESS

Monetary Support for Attending State Conference

Harriet shared a written proposal from Mill Shires to offer \$500 scholarships to attend the MG State Conference in September. Mill's proposal asked the Board to discuss how many scholarships to give and how to determine who the recipients would be. Also, whether a Board member should be given a scholarship as a Foundation representative.

Board members offered other amounts to be considered and that both new MG Interns and veteran MGs be considered for a scholarship.

Action Items: Harriet Arkley will ask that this item be added to the agenda for the County Joint Meeting that is scheduled for Monday, June 19th. All Board members will consider Mill's proposal and come back with recommendations on how to proceed.

Community Outreach Update

Committee member Bonnie LeVan reported that the committee is focused on selecting new venues for regularly scheduled Outreach activities. One consideration is Hovander on Saturdays in conjunction with the Childrens Story Garden and/or other Demonstration Garden activities. Also, Roeder Home and public Libraries will be considered. Teams will be established for each venue and our schedule will be advertised to the public.

Marilyn shared that Bonnie LeVan, Margaret Kassner and she are scheduled to meet with Carol Taylor who leads the Skagit County Outreach Clinics on Tuesday, June 13th, at the WSU Extension offices in Mount Vernon.

Pavilion Rental for 2017 Class Picnic

Beth Chisholm let the Board know that the 2017 Intern Class has scheduled a class picnic to be held at Fairhaven Park on Saturday, June 3rd. She asked whether the Board would be willing to pay for the rental cost.

Action Item: Beth will try negotiating for a lower fee with the Parks Department and Board members agreed that MGF funds will be used to pay for the cost.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned and the next Boad Meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 6th, 2017.**