

The Whatcom County Master Gardener Foundation

Board Minutes, August 3, 2017

Attended by: Kay Fast - 2nd VP, Kathy Barrett – Secretary, Barbara King - Member-at-Large, Beth Chisholm - MG Program Coordinator, Karen Gilliam, David Keller and Marla Rodgers – attending MGs

Unable to attend: Harriet Arkley – President, Kathleen Bander and Barbara Schickler – 2nd VPs, Marilyn Glenn – Treasurer, Mill Shires – Member at Large, Sandy Keathley - State Representative

Meeting was called to order by First VP, Kay Fast at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the July 6th, 2017 board meeting were not approved as the board did not have a quorum.

Treasure's Report

As Marilyn was not in attendance there was not Treasurer's Report

OLD BUSINESS

Endowment Fund update and outreach

Barbara King reported that November 9th was the target date for the introduction of the Endowment to the general MG membership. Roeder House and the YWCA are being looked at as potential venues for the event.

Propagation project for the New Greenhouse

Beth reported that heat was the main issue for the failure of using the greenhouse for propagation. The surviving cuttings were being moved under sprinklers and lattice at the old greenhouse.

Signage Update

Beth Chisholm reported that the committee would meet with Kathy Barrett to discuss signage. Brochures and signage at Roeder House will be designed, but there is no yet for that project.

Outreach Update

Beth reported on the following;

- almost all shifts were covered for the Northwest Fair
- Graduation will be held on October 12th and she is looking for a new venue.
- Advance Training hours in January 2018 will apply to 2017.
- Next Weeder's Digest will be in September.

Monetary Support for Attending Conferences

As Harriet and Sandy Keathley were not in attendance there was no discussion regarding covering costs to her as State Representative.

New Business

Old Greenhouse Replacement Proposal

David Keller and Karen Gilliam reported on their investigation regarding the replacement of the old greenhouse. *(See attached information sheet.)*

Following their report, they requested board approval for \$8,634.00 for the purchase of the 16' x 20' Solexx Conservatory Hobby Greenhouse Kit and an additional accessories package.

As there was not a quorum, a vote was not possible.

Additional Yard Sale Signs for Plant Sales

Marla Rodgers presented a proposal for the purchase of 50 yard signs on corrugated foam board. The signs are to be white and double sided with 2 color lettering @ \$531.54. Also requested were 100, 2 digit blackout stickers, to be used for re-numbering the signs each year.

Marla also asked that the Plant Sale Committee and MGF Board factor in the cost for re-numbering each year.

As there was not a quorum, a vote was not possible.

Action Item: Barbara King will Liaise with Vincent to update the signs to include the WSU logo.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 7th, 2017