

The Whatcom County Master Gardener Foundation

Board Minutes, May 4th, 2017

Attended by: President – Harriet Arkley, 1st Vice President – Kay Fast, 2nd VP - Barbara Schickler, Secretary - Kathy Barrett, Treasurer - Marilyn Glenn, Member-at-Large - Barbara King, Member-at-Large – Mill Shires, MG Program Coordinator - Beth Chisholm, Pam Newland – CSG Coordinator, Judy Boxx – MG, and Marla Rodgers - MG

Unable to attend: 2nd VP – Kathleen Bander, State Representative – Sandy Keathley

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

Minutes of the April 4th, 2017 board meeting were approved after a motion was made by Barbara King and seconded by Barbara Schickler.

Treasure's Report

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

The following account totals were reported for 30 - Apr - 17:

Checking - \$7654.56

Savings - \$65353.90

Greenhouse - \$16414.08

A motion was made by Mill Shires that the board approve the Treasurer's Report and it was seconded by Kay Fast. The report was unanimously approved.

Marilyn also noted that a new line item had been added for Contributions. Dawn LaTurco made a \$50.00 donation for plants to make the Mother's Day container gardens.

PROGRAM UPDATE

MOA with WSU

Beth will resubmit the MOA to include under **III. DUTIES OF THE PARTIES, B. 1. e.** Investment in private and public endowment. Mill Shires made a motion to approve the MOA with the reinstatement of the above item. Barbara King seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Action Items: Beth will resubmit the statement concerning investment in an endowment, and hopes to meet with the Parks Department to discuss the MOA as it expires in July.

Educational Use of New Greenhouse

Action Items:

Beth reported that George Kaas, will meet with the greenhouse team in June to discuss possible projects.

Signage at Hovander and Roeder

Beth Chisholm had no report and plans to meet with her committee after the plant sale.

Pam Newland presented one of the eight new Children's Story Garden signs to the board. The reaction was very positive.

Action Item: Signage team to meet after the plant sale.

Washington MG Nominations of the Year

Beth has the nomination forms and they are due June 1st.

Action Items:

Beth will check on the MG history to see if any Whatcom MG has received the award in the past.

Beth will send the form to the MG membership via Lyris for nominations.

Beth will submit nominations.

Roster Update

Action Item: Beth will email the roster to the membership.

OLD BUSINESS

Endowment Fund Update

Barbara King summarized the history and pros and cons of establishing an endowment fund for the foundation. Those that attended the training session at the Whatcom Community Foundation on April 21st were very positive and felt that the time was well spent.

There was some discussion about how best to introduce the membership to the endowment plan.

Mill Shires made a motion that the foundation move ahead with the establishment of an endowment with Whatcom Community Foundation and the motion was seconded by Barbara King and the vote was unanimous.

Action Item: Barbara King will contact WCF for advice on presenting information to the MG membership regarding the endowment.

Community Outreach Update

No meeting had been held.

The following were noted as outreach events:

Haggen Planting Days

Cordata Food Co-op table

Farmer's Market – weekly

NW Fair – 100th Anniversary of the Whatcom office

Lynden lectures - @ library

Plant Sale

New signs are needed for 2018, the current count is down to 39.

MG Meetings/Event Update

Barbara Schickler gave the board the latest dates for upcoming events:

- June 15 to Whidbey Island
- June 9th Everett Garden Fair
- July 13th Marilyn Glenn's garden
- August 10th Community Garden Tour
- September 14 Kathleen Bander's Garden

NEW BUSINESS

Power Washer for New Greenhouse

Judy Boxx has requested approval for power washer cleaning for the new greenhouse for approximately \$750.00

Barbara King made a motion to approve the request and Marilyn Glenn seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Judy Boxx expressed concern about the need for someone to take over care of the new greenhouse as Jack Boxx should no longer be involved in that.

Action Item: Judy will give the board a job description for the new greenhouse to help find someone to take on that job.

Arch of Perennial Garden at Hovander

Judy Boxx received a \$120 reimbursement for the new Arch built by Meridian High School 4H students for the perennial garden at Hovander.

Donna Berry has received \$60.75 for purchase of a rhododendron in memory of Susan Hirst, that will be planted in the perennial garden at Hovander.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 with a motion from Barbara Schickler and seconded by Mill Shires. The next Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 1st, 2017.**