

The Whatcom County Master Gardener Foundation

Board Minutes, September 7, 2017

Attended by: Kay Fast - 2nd VP, Kathy Barrett – Secretary, Mill Shires - Member-at-Large, Beth Chisholm - MG Program Coordinator, Kendra Bradford – attending MG

Unable to attend: Harriet Arkley – President, Kathleen Bander and Barbara Schickler – 2nd VPs, Marilyn Glenn – Treasurer, Barbara King – 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 August 3rd, 2017 board meeting were not approved as the board did not have a quorum.

Treasure's Report

Marilyn had submitted the MG Budget Report for August 31st. **The report was not approved as the board did not have a quorum.**

OLD BUSINESS

Endowment Fund Introduction update

Kathy Barrett reported that a committee had been formed to organize the introduction of the Endowment to the MG membership. The committee includes Harriet Arkley, Barbara King, Linda Battle, Geri Walker and Kathy Barrett. November 9th is the date for the introduction. Roeder House will be the venue for the event. ***Growing Our Future*** is the slogan. The committee is planning a 2hour event that will begin with a Happy Hour followed by the Endowment Introduction. Barbara King has met with designer Julie Defoer at Good Eye Design to discuss ideas for an Endowment brochure and postcard invitation. Julie was highly recommended by the Whatcom Community Fund and her clients include WCLS, WTA, Food Coop, Pickford Film Center, Smart Trips, WCC, Quel Fromage, Common Threads, Joes Garden....to name a few. The committee is also looking at several catering options.

MG Meetings/Event Schedule

As Barbara Schickler and Kathleen Bander were not in attendance there was no information to report.

Monetary Support for Attending Conferences

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

New Business

Hovander Native Plant Garden Proposal

MG Kendra Bradford would like to lead a group of MGs in the installation of a Native Plant Specimen Garden. She reported that the original native garden has become overgrown, is not clearly marked with fencing and signage. Her proposal for the new garden is to make it a specimen garden, place it where it

would be part of the existing demonstration gardens, have signage consistent with what is being developed for Hovander and possibly have fencing. Kendra feels that there is a core of interested MGs to help establish the garden and she stressed that by its very nature the garden would be low maintenance.

Action Item: Kathy Barrett will ask David Simonson about Kendra coming to Hovander on a Wednesday to present her ideas to the MGS. Kathy will also talk to David about potential placement of the garden. She will contact Kendra following contact with David.

Program Update

Beth Chisholm reported that the 2017 MG class was working hard to complete their hours. **Graduation** is planned for October 12th at the Bellingham YWCA. The 2016 MG class will volunteer at the event.

Recognition Awards will also be awarded at the graduation. Beth reported that recipient suggestions were coming in to her.

Advanced Training will take place in late January 2018 and the hours can be credited to 2017.

Beth reported that Parks Department has not been decisive in responding to request to build a **new greenhouse** at the site of the old greenhouse. She has asked Chris Benedict to speak to them. When permission is given, the greenhouse kit will be purchased and built.

Slate of Officers for 2018

Kay Fast announced the slate for 2018 and reported that the position for 1st VP was vacant as she will step aside. It was suggested that voting will take place at the October 12th Graduation and Recognition Awards Evening.

2018 Slate

President:	Harriet Arkley
1 st VP:	
2 nd VP	Barbara Schickler
2 nd VP	Kathleen Bander
Treasurer	Marilyn Glenn
Secretary	Kathy Barrett
Member at Large	Barbara King
Member at Large	Mill Shires

The Hovander MGs would like to celebrate **David Simonson's 87th Birthday** on Wednesday, October 18 with a potluck luncheon at the Pavilion at Hovander.

Action Item: Beth will contact Parks to see about using the Pavilion again free of charge.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29

Next meeting: Thursday, September 28, 2017