

**The Whatcom County Master Gardener Foundation
Board Minutes January 4, 2018**

Attended by: President - Harriet Arkley – 1st VP - Barbara King, Treasurer - Marilyn Glenn, 2nd VP - Barbara Schickler, Secretary – Kathy Barrett, Members at Large – Linda Bobblett, Shelley Fishwild, Louise Granger, Victor Knox, Bonnie LeVan, Mill Shires, State Representative – Sandy Keathley. Program Coordinator – Beth Chisholm

Unable to Attend: Sandy Keathley

Meeting was called to order by Harriet Arkley at 10:30 am.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the December 7, 2017 board meeting were unanimously approved following a motion from Kathy Barrett and seconded by Barbara King.

Treasurer's Report

Marilyn Glenn submitted the **Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual** report. The following account totals were reported for the 31st of December:

Checking:	\$1193.60
Savings:	\$54117.53
Greenhouse	\$15127.90
Whatcom Community Foundation Endowment	\$28289.42.

Marilyn reported that Patti and Chris Paul contributed \$2,250 to the Foundation to be used for improvements to Hovander. Patti is a Master Gardener.

Action Item: The board agreed that some recognition of the contribution should be made. Harriet will follow up on that.

Marilyn asked for volunteers to review the books. Mill Shires offered, and it was suggested that Pat Edwards would also do a good job.

Action Item: Marilyn will contact Pat to see if she is willing to work on the review.

The budget report was unanimously approved following a motion by Victor Knox and seconded by Barbara Schickler.

Old Business

MG Meetings/Event Schedule 2018

Barbara Schickler and Marilyn Glenn provided a list of all the scheduled events for 2018.

A motion to approve the draft schedule was made by Barbara King and seconded by Kathy Barrett. It was unanimously approved by the board.

Bylaw Changes

Mill Shires reported that review of the Bylaws is continuing by the committee.

Endowment Fund Update

Barbara King stressed the need to keep the Foundation website current and easy to find and use. She also reported that she is looking for an assistant who would ultimately become her successor as liaison with WCF and manage Endowment matters.

New Business

Master Gardener Program Update

Beth Chisholm reminded the board that the Weeder's Digest will be published every other month in 2018.

Advanced training will be on February 8th at Bellingham Technical College with a theme of Sustainable Gardening. Tickets will be sold thru Brown Paper Tickets or Online registration.

Beth and Chris Benedict are scheduled to meet in January with representatives from the County Parks to discuss updating the MOA we have with the county. Three agreements are needed. They include; Hovander, Roeder House and the (new) old greenhouse at Hovander.

Action Item: Kathy Barrett and Linda Bobblett have agreed to help the Signage Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 pm.

**Next Meeting
Thursday, February 1st, 2018
Extension Office Classroom
10:00 am**