Lincoln County Master Gardener Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
10 May 2010

Board Members Present: Bill Biernacki, Pam McElroy, Cathy Fitzhugh, Ruth Deforest, Emilia Lacy, Anne Schatz

Others Present: Cathi Block, Betty Bahn, Sally Noack, Peggy Biernacki, Sam Angima

CALL TO ORDER: Bill Biernacki called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

MINUTES: Minutes from the 12 April Board meeting are approved with the correction of adding the motion to approve a brick purchase from OCCC.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

TREASURER’S REPORT: (Cathy Fitzhugh)  
Certificate of Deposit: $3251.53  
Checking: $4401.75  
Savings: $4953.58  
Total $12,606.86

PRESIDENT: (Bill Biernacki) The General Meeting in April went over budget by $68. The Board agrees to cover the excess. Ruth Deforest will be leaving the area this fall and asks that a replacement for her be found prior to mini-college. This will be an interim appointment by the President and the appointee will serve through the end of the year.

EXTENSION AGENT: (Sam Angima) Master Gardener Week is 4-9 July, with the Proclamation taking place on 30 June at the County Commissioner’s Office. Garden Coordinators should coordinate a day for their garden to be spotlighted. Emilia did a display for both Master Gardeners and Master Composters during the Aquarium Earth Day, speaking to 80-100 people. The display underscored that more marketing tools are necessary.

There are Master Composters interested in teaming with Master Gardeners at the Farmers Markets. There are not enough Master Composters for regular attendance and details must be worked out.

Planning is moving ahead with the Fall Seminars, the idea being to have the seminars in four locations throughout the county, 4-5 topics per location (some varied, some shared). We are still looking for input on topics, potential speakers, and discussion on pricing. This will be a fund raiser for the demonstration gardens. Discussions will continue next month.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
PLANT SALE: (Bill Biernacki) Things are on track. Set up is on Thursday 8-10 am; plants and garage sale donations are accepted after set up on Thursday and Friday. There is a permanent box in the office for plant tags. Take photos if you can.

FARMERS MARKETS: (Bill Biernacki) Mark Dixon has distributed the three new canopies and wants to know what to do with the two old ones. Due to the questionable future of storage, the decision was made to sell them.
*MOTION* Pam moves to sell the excess canopies; the larger one for $50 and the smaller one for $25. Approved.

NEWPORT DEMONSTRATION GARDEN: (Cathi Block) Board approves Cathi to purchase leftover demonstration garden construction materials for cost.

BULB SALE: (Pam McElroy) Due to the scheduling conflicts with the venue, the date has changed to 25 September.

EXPO: (Pam McElroy) The vendor and speaker lists are out with several big names.

LIBRARY: (Bill Biernacki) The Silent Auction of books during the General Meeting raised $130 for the general fund.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EQUIPMENT INVENTORY: (Bill Biernacki) The inventory is underway.

NYE BEACH CLAM BAKE: (Bill Biernacki) Planning for the Nye Beach fundraiser on 3 July selling baked potatoes and corn on the cob is in the preliminary stages. There will be future meetings to finalize plans and a budget request to the board next month.

LCMGA SEND A FRIEND SCHOLARSHIP: (Bill Biernacki) The expected cost is $250. The awardee must attend and pay for the Leadership Forum and pay their own parking. The notice should go out ASAP so the awardee can get a good selection of classes.

TOWN AND COUNTRY FAIR: (Bill Biernacki) The Town and Country Fair would like a Master Gardener presence July 16-18. In addition to a help desk, we could sell worm bins, have a raffle, or do whatever we want. Cathi Block volunteered to head the project and will coordinate a booth for all three days.

GRANT POLICY: (Anne Schatz) Discussion on proposal for a LCMGA Grant Policy to cover the procedures for members to apply for grants. Discussion will continue next month.

Anne Schatz, Secretary
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