

## Master Gardener Meeting - July 12, 2023

Present: Hazel, Dennis, Steve, Char, Linda, Wayne, Milton, Molly

1. Welcome
2. Approve the minutes – March 21, 2023 & Expo Debrief
  - a. Steve moved to approve
  - b. Dennis Seconded
  - c. All in favor
3. Budget Report
  - a. The group that went to the Louisville Botanical Garden reviewed the budget and approved it. We wanted everyone to review the budget and see if there were any issues. No objections.
    - i. Year End Budget Report
    - ii. Budget 2023/24
4. Information from Sharon
  - a. Carol hasn't turned in her hours so if anyone sees her remind her.
  - b. If you want to make a paper copy, make sure that you use the 2022/23 form for this past year. For this year it would be the 2023/24 year.
  - c. Educational outreach would be Expo, if you go to Farmers Market to share, etc.
  - d. Support would be activities that support a project (packaging seeds)
  - e. Sharon shared the info about the database and the info doesn't seem right. The activities that we put in other didn't show up. She's looking into a different way to collect the information electronically.
  - f. Dennis shared that one issue is that the program is set up in the calendar year.
  - g. Molly suggested there are a lot of time tracker apps out there that could do this.
  - h. Master Gardener class - hoping to have it this fall – will be both zoom and labs – waiting on info from the state. Steve suggested that the people do a project/research that they share and then the MG could get education hours.
5. Elections for 2023/24
  - a. President – Steve
    - i. Dennis makes a motion that Steve becomes the president for next term.
    - ii. Milton seconded it.
    - iii. All in favor
  - b. Secretary/Treasurer or go back to 2 positions Secretary & Treasurer
    - i. Linda and Molly have volunteered to share the position.
    - ii. In order for this to happen we will need to change our bylaws to reflect the change back from 1 position to 2.
    - iii. Molly found the Bylaws – Char will make the changes and send it out. Steve will send out an email after 2 weeks that will ask everyone to review and vote on whether to accept the changes. Approval will be by email.

6. Education Ideas for Master Gardeners

- a. August 14 - Springs & McConnell Springs Park (416 Rebmann Ln, Lexington) & Community Garden –
- b. September – Cincinnati Zoo
- c. Other Ideas
  - i. Visit Bernheim Forest
  - ii. UK community garden – demonstration garden
  - iii. KY Hort News – YouTube for Wednesday – [kentuckyhortnews.com](http://kentuckyhortnews.com)
  - iv. Watch other extension programs

7. Projects for 2023/24

- a. Steve recognized Wayne for his work on cleaning up the Community Garden.
  - b. Ward Hall group will switch back and forth between Ward Hall and the Butterfly garden on July 25<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Rain Garden – Wayne
  - d. Entrance Garden – Steve & Mary
  - e. Seed Project – Rural King donated all the seeds they have in the store. Sharon needs some help with organizing them. They will be used for the seed project next year.
  - f. Perennial Plant Swap – Look into being a part of Farmers Market – if not, the date needs to be changed so that it is not on the same day as Festival of the Horse.
  - g. Newspaper Articles – Milton’s article wasn’t in the paper because she couldn’t pull it off. Will try to do it again next spring. Sharon will need a printed copy so that she can type it out. We will schedule the next round of articles at the next meeting.
8. Next meeting – August `14<sup>th</sup> – at the same time as our field trip to Royal Springs and the Community Garden – will be scheduled before, after or in-between the 2 places.
9. Adjourn the meeting at 7:27
- i. Dennis made a motion
  - ii. Steve seconded it
  - iii. All in favor