

Ionia County Master Gardeners Association Meeting Minutes

Date: February 6, 2006

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Clarksville Horticulture Station

Present: Sandi Clark, Jim Clark, Teresa Fahrni, Gayle Glowonia, Tera Brighton, Sharon Sherman, Chris Segerlind, Rhonda Steffens, and Bill Steenwyk.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Jim Clark, IMGA president.

Minutes: Rhonda read the minutes of the 11-7-05 meeting. It was noted that Sharon was not present at the last meeting but Gayle was. Motion was made to accept the minutes with the correction by Teresa. The motion was seconded by Tera, and the motion was passed.

MG Coordinator Update:

- A. Sandi handed out the Newsletter.
- B. Sandi gave information regarding the winter master gardeners class that starts February 16th. Sandi asked if the class was open to certified master gardeners who may wish to sit in on a class. Bill Steenwyk stated that there is a policy on that, and as long as the class wasn't too full, it would be okay.
- C. Bill stated that an advertisement regarding the upcoming MG class will be placed in the Ionia Sentinel. Teresa suggested contacting the Lakewood News as well.
- D. Sandi informed the group of a possible bus tour, sponsored by the Ionia MG Association, to Chicago Botanical Gardens. The tour would need a minimum of 47 people. Approximate cost would be \$200-\$25 per person. Sandi will pursue more information.
- E. Sandi purchased a "Garden Insect Book" and donated it to the association to be used at the MG booth for reference.

Old Business:

- A. **Speakers:** Jim questioned if the group was still interested in speakers at our meetings. The interest is still there.

New Business:

- A. Handouts: Agriculture and Natural Resources Week Booklets were distributed by Bill.
- B. Financial Responsibility: Bill informed the group of the MSU Extension Financial Accountability rules. Bill stated it is best to be extremely careful about receipts so that there is an auditable trail for any monies spent by the association.

Treasurers Report:

- A. Account Opened: Christine opened an account with \$5.00 in savings and \$55.00 in checking. Rhonda made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Tera. All approved.

Volunteer Hours:

- A. Tree packing is scheduled for April 12th, and distribution on the 14th and 15th. Contact Melissa Eldridge to sign up.

Educational Hours:

- A. Montcalm County will have a speaker soon and this will earn 2 educational credit hours for master gardeners attending. Go to the Montcalm website for more info.
- B. Rhonda mentioned a Natural Landscape Conference that will be held at Meijer Gardens.

Open Floor:

- A. Ionia MG Cook book: Tera brought two samples of cook books we can have our recipes published in and then sell for approximately \$5.50 each at our booths, to fund our expense account. Rhonda and Tera will review the details of each book and report at the next meeting.
- B. Seed Packets: Gayle will check on seed packets for handout at our booth.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 6 at 6:30 at the Clarksville Horticultural Station. Jim asked everyone to bring ideas for the booth to the next meeting, for the Ionia Home Show and also the Ionia Free Fair.

Adjournment:

7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Rhonda Steffens, Co-secretary.