

Hancock County Master Gardeners

Meeting minutes

May 25, 2022

Opening

President Darlene Trusty called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. There were 20 EMGs in person and 8 EMGs on Zoom.

Extension Update

Lais McCartney said there will be a Community Meeting Oct 29 at the Fairgrounds from 4 pm to 7:30 pm. Extension Board requires that Hancock County raise \$12,000 to help pay the extension staff's salary. Lais would like the Master Gardeners show what we do. A chicken noodle dinner will be available.

Tony May finished the garden at the Wellness Center in Fortville. Congratulations to Tony and his team.

Awards

Lynn Meier, Awards Committee chairperson, announced that Artis Kingston advanced to Advanced EMG to Bronze; Tony May advanced to certified EMG; Gary Mithoefer advanced to Advanced EMG. Badges and certificates can be picked up in Shelly's office. Recipients will need to sign for their packet. Congratulations to all!

Treasurer Report

Teresa Bowlby said as of May 22, 2022, there was a balance of \$10,381.99. Cash on hand is \$100, Deposits were \$7,186.53, expenses were \$3664.90, the Bank Balance is \$10,281.99. Deposits are plant sale receipts, Expenses include \$150 for a Zoom account, plants for the plant sale and education materials and event refreshments.

She also shared the rundown on the plant sale monies. Cash/check sales were \$2,929.00, Online/square sales were \$4,397.95. The Expenses are potting soil of \$54.56, Greenfield FFA was \$1,328.00, Rebecca's Greenhouse was \$1,791.00, Square Fees was \$140.42, Advertising was \$219.04, and Posters was \$6.77. The total expenses were \$3,539.79 with a Profit of \$3,787.16

Approvals

Darlene asked for the approval of the minutes for March and April and the treasurer report. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes or treasurer report and approved. Lynn stated there were no correspondence.

Old Business

Tim Harris of the Media committee has created two links on the website: Power Point Presentations and Activity Photos.

Steve Bowlby reported that he is working on the Zoom Program. Been busy entering all EMG's emails.

New Business

Send all articles and gardening information to Teresa Roush by July 1. Send to her email roush4jesus@gmail.com.

Paul requested \$200 for the Beauty of Greenfield. The request was approved.

Loretta requested \$100 for the Preserve at Sugar Creek. The request was approved. An EMG stated it is located on private property. Lais said it was an issue being on private property. She will get back to us as to how we will precede.

Lais has finished the EMG training for JMGs. She displayed the three projects she had the trainees do in class.

Elaine and Teresa requested funds for a potting table. Mike McCarly has offered to build the table. The request was approved. Teresa will obtain more information on the cost of the wood and report back to us at the July meeting.

Announcements

Mary Ann announced that June 4th is National Trails Day event be at the 400W Trailhead. This volunteer opportunity will include helping children plant seeds in cups, marking trees that were planted last year, and planting native plants people have donated. The time is 8 am to 11 am.

There will be no meeting in June due to the Hancock County Fair. Our next meeting will be July 27. Education will be Frederick Law Olmsted and Olmsted Brothers.

Jane Pollock announced that the date for the Lily Sale will be July 9 from 9:00 to 1:00 pm. She will be sending out an email soon as to what is needed for the sale and a sign-up sheet.

Adjournment

Teresa made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Steve at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be July 27 at 6:00 pm at Extension Office and via Zoom.

Break

There was a short break before the education portion of the meeting.

Education

Lais taught the required Civil Rights Training. Vicki talked about the Soil Squad that she is setting up. The EMG's will receive \$100 for the first visit, \$150 for a follow up visit. Vicki will be promoting the Soil Squad at the county fair.

Minutes prepared by:

Lynn Meier, Secretary

