

**Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State  
Board Meeting  
Minutes of June 12, 2008**

The meeting at the Annual Conference in Fort Townsend, Washington was called to order at 5:00 PM by Bill Havens, President.

Those Board Members in attendance were: Bill Havens, President; Ed LaCrosse, Past President; Sharon Commander, Treasurer; Carolyn Brand, Secretary; Larry Davis, Metro VP; Ben Trowbridge, SW VP; Mary Shane, Pacific-Grays Harbor Cty Rep; Betty Ryan, Pierce Cty Rep; Linda Berquist, Whatcom Cty Rep; Roland Malan, Kitsap Cty Rep; Carol Rubado, King Cty Rep; Martha Clatterbaugh, Snohomish Cty Rep; Marcia Nelson, Island Cty Rep.

Also in attendance were: Penny Thayer, King Cty; Barb Schamberg, King Cty; Becky Croston; Kitsap Cty; Sandy Livermore, Kitsap Cty; Joyce Harms, King Cty; Judy Porterfield, King Cty; DeLana E. Kent, Kitsap Cty'.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Bank Accounts**

CD – WSECU	4,233.48	
CD – Kitsap Bank	3,624.37	
Checking – US Band	0.00	
Checking – WSECU	22,917.36	
Savings – US Bank	0.00	
Savings – WSECU	<u>9,817.94</u>	
TOTAL Bank Accounts	40,593.15	
Budget Statement WSU/Annual Meeting	31,467.00	
WSU charges	<u>2,430.91</u>	
Approximate Balance Annual Mtg	29,036.04	Fort Worden expenses

There was a last minute change in Dinner expenses. An additional \$8.00/meal was added when it was clarified that this would be a Set-Down Dinner and not a Buffet.

Attendance was 213 full registration, 15 Friday only, 6 Saturday only, and 1 substitution.

The goal of this Conference was to Honor Our Beginnings on this 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Honoring our Founders was a major focus of the meeting.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

There was not a formal Board Meeting at last years Conference, so there were no minutes to report.

**Jeff moved to accept this status. Sharon moved to accept. Motion Passed.**

**Election of Officers**

Ed LaCrosse stated that the Nominating Committee nominates Mary Shane as President. There were no other nominations.

**Ed moved that nomination be closed. Carol second. Motion carries.**

Ed stated that the Nominating Committee nominates Sharon Commander as Treasurer.

**Ben moved that nominations be closed. Betty second. Motion carries.**

VP nominations will be made in September. NE is unfilled.

### **MG of the Year Award**

Larry Davis stated that the Executive Committee recommended presenting \$100. bill to the MG of the year each year.

**Larry moved we present the MG of Year \$100. bill yearly. Martha Clatterbaugh second.**

**Discussion: Very special Award. No one opposed.**

**Motion carries.**

Ed stated there would be a new presentation of the Award this year. First, the donation of the Larry's \$100. bill. In addition, Jim Black, of MasterGardener Magazine, will present a plaque. The Magazine will also include a picture/article on the Master Gardener of the Year on the back page of the magazine. The magazine is published by the Good Fruit Growers and Jim Black is the editor.

Bill Havens added that WSU is very supportive of this support for the award.

### **Communications**

Mark Clark reported on the progress of the needed Website. He prepared a handout describing the Website. One of the major objectives is to bring County MG Organizations together. All information on the site goes through .WSU. There will be a list of County Programs and County Foundations. The site is still a Works-In-Progress.

The questions of use of a ListServ was brought up. Mark indicated he will manage the Website but is not in charge. Each County will have the opportunity to decide on a method. Jeff mentioned some concerns in the past about "selling" these lists.

Tonie said the July e-letter that goes out to the County Extensions Coordinators will address this issue. It is important that we work together on this topic.

**Mark made a motion that each County take appropriate affirmative action in the use of the ListServ by its membership**

Discussion: Roland stated that we can make a decision fro all counties. Mark indicated this is appropriate. Bill Havens brought up the results of the Retreat in September that focused on the importance of communication. Out goal is to provide better communication. Chris has made a big difference in our communication. This motion gives us the opportunity to expand this. Chris stated this will help to release Board members of the responsibility of sending out information.

Bill stated that there are options for each County.

**Mark restated the motion: Each County will take appropriate affirmation action to encourage joining and participating in the MGFWS ListServ by its membership.**

**Ben second. Motion carries.**

**Poster Distribution:** Most of counties have their posters. Posters are on sell in the Conference Store for \$2.50. Posters are free for County distribution. Everyone was encouraged to get out posters to County and State Representative, nurseries, and other people of interest.

## **MOA**

Tonie asked for the list of people on the committee: Foundation: Mark Clark, Judy Porterfield, Ben Trowbridge, Roland Malan, and Carolyn Brand; WSU: Kelly Ward, Arno Bergstron, and Charles Brun.

These people have gone through the document word by word. This went back to Linda Fox and the Attorney General to review. The MOA will then go back to the board for approval. This will be sent to the Foundation Boards for review. Once again, the document is being reviewed word by word.

## **Old Business**

Scholarships:

**Martha moved that we increase the Awards from \$500. to \$1000.**

**Discussion:** Can we afford this? There are 3 Awards per year.

**Jeff amended the motion to say If we have funding the Awards will be increased from \$500. to \$1000. Martha second. Motion carries as amended.**

There was a question about the Bylaws. Roland is presently working on reviewing the Bylaws and SOP's.

No other business.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Recording Secretary,  
Carolyn Brand