

TIPTON COUNTY MG MINUTES JANUARY 5, 2006

Tipton County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Thursday, **January 5, 2006**, at Covington Ext. Office.

ATTENDEES:

Barbara Asbridge	Tim Hicks
Brenda Carroll	Joan Hopkins
Carolyn Cooper	Jim Houston
Gloria Covert	Bonnie Jackson
Annie Delk	Shirley Mattocks
Celia Dyson	Beverly McIntyre
Robin Ferrell	Beverly Moranville
Lou Graber	Michelle Rankin
Robbie Halling	Ida Scott
Juanita Hansen	William Smith

1. Juanita Hansen, Vice-President of Tipton County (TC) Master Gardeners (MGs), opened meeting at 6:10 p.m.
2. Lou Graber made motion that October minutes be accepted as reflected. Robin Ferrell seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

3. Projects and leads are shown below. Some projects are completed but require ongoing maintenance.
 - a. Covington Extension Office - Robbie Halling. 100% completed.
 - b. Habitat for Humanity House - Robin Ferrell. 100% completed.
 - c. Court House - Jim Houston. William Smith resigned as lead and Jim Houston volunteered to be lead.
 - d. Justice Center - Barbara Asbridge. 80% completed. Area around sign still requires work. Carol Reece came and completed landscape design and recommended plants for sign area.
 - e. Crestview Middle School - Celia Dyson. Money has not been approved yet.
 - f. County Clerk Office - Robin Ferrell and Brenda Carroll. Work in progress.
 - g. Atoka and Munford Parks/Areas - Juanita Hansen. 100% completed.
 - h. Munford Signs - Juanita Hansen. 100% completed on North Sign. 90% completed on South Sign.
 - i. Covington Memorial Baptist Hospital - Barbara Asbridge. 100% completed.
 - j. Covington Care - Annie Delk and Johanna Hale. Work in progress.
 - k. Atoka Post Office - Robbie Halling. Plan to prune branches on crape myrtles in February.
 - l. Austin Peay Elementary School - Celia Dyson. Carol Reece came and completed a landscape design. Ms. Dyson has some workers lined up and will start on project soon.

m. Covington Sign on Hwy. 51 North in front of Industrial Park - Beverly Moranville. 100% completed with assistance from Richard, Beverly's husband, and Juanita Hansen. Plants came from Oaklawn Nursery, who gave a good discount.

n. Tipton County Board of Education. Carol Reece came and completed a landscape design. **This project does not have a lead.**

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Had a discussion on whether volunteer hours for individuals were acceptable as volunteer MG hours. Tidbits that resulted from this discussion were: (a) all projects need to be "approved" projects, (b) there can be some work done for individuals and credited as volunteer hours, and (c) majority of volunteer hours need to be "community" hours.

5. Joan Hopkins recommended that a Project Committee be formed to set rules/guidelines for projects. The following MGs volunteered for the Committee: Jim Houston as Lead, Gloria Covert, Robin Ferrell, and Ida Scott.

6. New 2006 officers were approved by majority vote: Jim Houston, President; Juanita Hansen, Vice-President; Ida Scott, Treasurer; and Beverly Moranville, Secretary.

7. Robin Ferrell recommended that 2006 membership dues be raised from \$10 to \$20. Majority vote set dues at \$20 for individuals and \$30 for couple. **Per Bylaws, dues must be paid by March 1.**

8. Michelle Rankin announced that 2006 MG Classes would begin January 10. All classes will be on Tuesdays from 6-to-9 p.m. Twelve people have signed up. Instructors have committed/been scheduled for all but a couple of classes, which Ms. Rankin and Tim Hicks will instruct.

9. Ms Rankin circulated sign-up sheets for sponsors for new trainees and for assistants/mentors for new classes. She stated that assistants/mentors for the classes could count their hours as Continued Education Units (CEUs) and administrative hours. If just attending a class and not acting as assistant/mentor, hours should be counted only as CEUs.

10. Connie Dyson recommended that "The Seedling" (TC MG Newsletter) be issued bi-monthly in lieu of monthly. Majority agreed.

11. Jim Houston won the door prize, which was a compost or trash container, furnished by Robin Ferrell.

12. Robin Ferrell made a motion for adjournment; Annie Delk seconded it. **Meeting adjourned at 7:30.**

ROBBIE HALLING
TC MG Association Secretary

NOTE: To save time at meetings, please read minutes before next meeting and, if you have corrections, be prepared to announce them.