

Tipton County Master Gardener Meeting Minutes November 3, 2011

President, Paula Sweatt, called the meeting to order at 6pm by welcoming all members and introducing Lee Johnston from the Tipton County Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Johnson discussed Covington's plans to create a "Dickens on the Square" event for the upcoming Christmas season, to be held on the weekend of December 10-11. He requested the assistance of the Master Gardeners with decorating the store fronts and the square with live greenery during the week prior to the event. Booker T. Leigh agreed to handle sign-ups for participation.

Paula introduced our evening's program and guest speaker. Rosa Woody from the Mid-South Hosta Society discussed growing Hostas and the benefits of planting them in containers. Rosa encouraged us to join the Society she represented.

Beverly Moranville reported poll results about the upcoming years annual trips. Next year's adventure will be in St. Louis, Missouri. and the following year's trip will be to Asheville, North Carolina. She will poll the group, via email, about the number of days we'd like the trip to last. Additional details to follow. Due to the large number of people interested in a Garden Cruise, there will be one planned, but not as an official Master Gardener trip.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as posted on our website.

The treasurer's report was approved as read by Phyllis Stephens, with the beginning balance of \$4393.57 and an ending balance of \$4630.63.

Committee Reports

- Newsletter- Bob Miller requested photos and article contributions from the membership.
- Membership- No report
- By-laws- discussion about revisions tabled until future meeting
- Sunshine- No report
- Historical- Lisa Turner gave an update on the progress of the scrapbook. She requested the contribution of photos and/or articles from the group. She's proposed we have digital photos printed professionally.

Other Business

-On behalf of Lynda Carter, Paula thanked those folks who came and worked on the Hosta Gardens at the Veteran's Museum.

-Expo updates- Booker T. Leigh reported that Troy Marden has agreed to attend as a speaker for the fee of \$350. A motion to pay the fee was made, seconded and passed by the group. Additional speakers to be confirmed. It was requested that the Master

Gardeners consider conducting demos during the event, with a rain barrel construction demo by Bob Miller being one of them.

We continue to seek additional vendors. Applications will be mailed the end of November.

Expo committee chairs and members are being sought. Sign-up sheets were passed around.

Roxi Phillips gave a brief summary of our visit to Sheryl Rose's Urban Project.

Paula Sweatt reported on Beaton Matthew's presentation to the group attending Oleo Acres "Three in One." event and offered her thanks.

Christmas Party- The party will be held on our regular meeting date, Thursday, December 1st at 6pm. Lynda Carter will be leading the event and requesting volunteers for decorating via emails. She will be posting a list for food contributions. New interns will be invited to attend.

Due to the large amount of ink and paper used by the Master Gardner program at the extension office, it was proposed we pay for the ink. The motion was made and passed by the group that we pay the full amount of \$770.17 for the recent ink purchase.

Mentors for upcoming intern class- consider offering to serve as a mentor to a new student.

Bob Miller proposed the purchase of a digital video camera to be used to record speakers, classes, tutorials, etc. at the maximum price of \$300. A motion was made and carried to allow this purchase.

Logo Wear- Clothing is offered by Land's End according to the UT Newsletter. It was also suggested we support local business by having our clothing embroidered by Stitch in Time. Discussion was tabled until January meeting.

Chili Cook-off- our participation cancelled

Winter School will be held February 9-10, 2012 at the cost of \$75.

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm with drawings for door prizes.

CEU- 1 hour
Admin- 1 hour

Respectfully submitted,
Roxi Phillips

