

March 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Fred Novak presented a lecture on Bonsai. Attendees are to count 1 hour of CEU for the presentation.

After a short break for refreshments, the business meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm. The minutes were read by Janet Grant and the motion to accept the minutes was made and approved.

Gwen Jones gave the treasures report. The account balance is \$482.95. Vendor booth money has been collected in the amount of \$75 and ticket sales of \$140 have been submitted.

A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report was made and seconded.

Old business

March 1st seminar at First Baptist Church in Millington. There were over 50 attendees. Beverly Moranville, Sherl Rose, Janet Grant and Jamie Walker were the keynote speakers. There were several master gardeners and interns in attendance to answer questions and assist in providing information regarding the MG program. Twelve attendees expressed interest in the Master Gardener class for next year.

New business

We have several ongoing and upcoming projects:

1. Brown bag talks: Starting March 15 and continuing through May 29. Booker will be the first speaker. These will be held every other Thursday. We still need volunteer speakers. A sign-up sheet was circulated and will be maintained in the volunteer notebook.
2. Justice complex: Robin Ferrell will be meeting with the JC next week to further discuss this project. She will provide a report of the scope of the project and needed volunteers.
3. Court square: The city of Covington has hired a company to plant bulb and maintain the roses. We will still be providing a spring clean up and maintenance of the beds. We will communicate through via email information regarding the clean up date and also provide an update at the next meeting. Brenda anticipates a late April date for this event.
4. Veteran's Museum: A work day of April 12 has been set for the herb garden, children's bed and coneflower bed. This will begin at 9 am. This work day will enable us to prepare the beds before Earth Day on April 19. Sherl Rose and Lynda Carter will chair the children's garden, coneflower bed and the hosta garden, while Janet Grant will focus on the herb bed. An update on the hosta bed will be provided at the next meeting.
5. Earth Day: April 19 at the Veteran's Museum. Sherl Rose is chair of this project. This event will be even bigger and better than last year! Lynda Carter and Gwen Jones will lead hypertufo classes at 11 am and 1 pm. The cost of these classes will be \$10 per person to cover the cost of supplies. Each class size will be limited to 10 participants. Volunteers are needed for the master gardener booth, the potting table and the bird feeder table.
6. Brighton Elementary: Beverly Moranville will chair this project. The tentative date is the first week in May, depending on testing dates at school. Volunteers are needed for the tree planting and helping organize the children.
7. Gear up your Landscape for spring. Lynda Carter gave an update on our major fundraiser for the year. The date is March 29 at the Chamber Center, 9 am until 2 pm. Volunteers are needed for the following tasks:

Onsite vendor coordinator

Ticket collectors

Sales at "Used tool and Craft" booth

Sales at bottled water and snack booth

Demonstration/Gardening talks

Setup/Cleanup

The building will be available at 4 pm on Friday March 28 for setup. We are collecting any used tools, flower pots, crafts, etc at the extension office and will be meeting every Tuesday evening to prep and paint any donated items. Ticket sales are due by March 25. Terry Lynn Austell will contact The Sandwich Shop regarding a small menu for the event.

8. Newsletter: We will begin publication again on our newsletter shortly. Connie Dyson is the chair of this project. Volunteers are needed to write articles! Please send any ideas or information to Connie at condyson@comcast.net.

9. Tim Hicks needs volunteers for the after school projects at Crestview Middle School. These will be every Thursday (except Spring Break) from 3:30-5:30 pm.

10. Juanita Hansen will need volunteers for upkeep of the highway signs. This project will begin again when the weather becomes warmer.

Sign up sheets for all projects are maintained in the project book.

Lynda Carter provided an update on upcoming programs. Janet Grant is scheduled to speak on herbs at the April meeting and in May, Dale Skaggs will present a program on Companion Plants.

Lynda Carter also provided a detailed explanation of the various committees and projects of the organization. The project book provides details of each project and lists the project chair, schedule and volunteers. Linda passed out a survey for "Gardens in Progress" and asked that attendees return them at the end of the meeting. Gardens in Progress consists of individuals interested in opening their garden on a Saturday morning to members. The hours are from 9-12 and the member showing their garden will receive 3 hours of education given (teaching). If you attend the open garden, you will receive the time spent touring with the garden owner as CEU. For more information about this program, please contact Lynda Carter. Open garden dates are May 17, June 7 and July 12.

The Tipton County Master Gardeners currently have 7 committees:

Recertification Committee Lynda Carter and Gwen Jones (Chairs)

The recertification Committee shall review all hours submitted to ensure they meet current Guidelines. The Committee shall notify members in a timely manner of hours that do not meet guidelines. The committee shall make available at each regular meeting a list of approved hours recorded year to date for each member.

Historical Committee

The Historical Committee shall compile and preserve items and information pertaining to the association and individual members.

Sunshine/Telephone Committee Juanita Hansen (Chair)

The Sunshine Committee shall be the contact for notification of illness, death, birth, or marriage of a member of the immediate family member of the association or extension service and shall send acknowledgement on behalf of the association. The telephone committee shall provide information to the membership on an as needed basis as authorized by the President and/or Master Gardener Coordinator.

Newsletter Committee Connie Dyson (Chair)

The Newsletter Committee shall publish and distribute the newsletter as authorized by the President and/or Master Gardener Coordinator.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee shall maintain and update the membership listing and prepare, print and distribute the annual membership booklet. Works closely with the re-certification committee to ensure member hours are annually certified and treasurer to ensure dues are paid.

Development/Sanctioned Projects Committee Lynda Carter (chair)

The Development/Sanctioned Project Committee shall have oversight for all approved sanctioned projects. Shall ensure project chairs and co-chairs are actively involved in all approved sanctioned projects to ensure objectives are accomplished and image of the Master Gardener program is positive. Committee chair shall approve all sanctioned projects recommended and approved by the Extension Office Director.

Public Relations Committee

The Public Relations Committee shall notify the media of the association's events and maintain a list of media contacts.

If you would like to volunteer to chair or serve on one of these committees, please complete the committee volunteer form and submit to the extension office.

The re-certification committee asks members to turn in hours for the current year. The following hours are needed each year:

7 administrative hours

12 sanctioned project hours

2 unsanctioned (community) hours

4 education given (teaching)

8 CEU

Total: 33 hours

A listing of all completed, submitted and approved hours will be maintained and available at each meeting. These hours can be submitted on an as-completed basis. You do not need to wait until the total amount of hours are completed.

Booker T Leigh announced that he has a new show on Covington cable (Channel 29). The show's title is "Fun in the Garden" and will begin airing on March 17, 2008. Booker needs volunteers to allow their home gardens to be taped for the shows. If you are interested, please contact Booker at the extension office.

Beverly Moranville opened the floor for any additional comments or questions. Sheryl Rose announced that Beverly was doing a great job as president and thanked her for all her hard work. This announced was met with cheers and applause.

The meeting was adjourned.

Credit 1 hour administrative for the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Janet R Grant