

Big Spring Master Gardener Association Meeting Minutes

Date: May 12, 2014

Place: Greene County Extension Office

Time: 10 am

Meeting: Association Monthly Meeting

Attendees: Heather Youngblood, Diane Crum, Emily Grubb, Martha Fluharty, Jeanie Jackson, Micky Sizemore, Neil Burgner, Mary Goldman, Aliceson Bales, Jeanne Driese, Pat Moore, Jerry Kische, Bev Walker, Michele Bradley, Sandee Cook, Wolf Spindel

Bio-Char talk was given by Wolf Spindel. Anyone interested in exploring Bio-Char production is encouraged to contact Wolf for further information.

April Minutes-stand approved as written.

Treasurer's Report-Michele

May 2014 Financial Report

Beginning balance	4962.72	
Dues	15.00	2014 Dues
Plant sale kitty	300.00	Plant Sale
Plant Sale	2735.51	Plant Sale
Income:	3050.51	
Cook, Sandee - Cookbook printing costs	1580.30	Cook Book
Plant sale kitty	300.00	Plant Sale
Expenses:	(1880.30)	
Ending balance	6132.93	

Committees and Projects Reports-Lamar

Boys and Girls Club-no report

Christmas Parade-Michele- nothing to report

Cookbook Fundraiser-Sandee Cookbooks are available in lab. Around 50 have been sold so far.

Dickson-Williams-Heather and Jerry attended the DW Association Annual meeting April 24. Members are excited about the BSMGA working on the garden restoration. Committee members will meet soon to discuss first steps in the plan.

Extension Report-Melody The Toolshed series continues. Information can be obtained in the Extension Office.

Fairgrounds Landscape-Pat Most of the plants are now in the beds, but they had not been watered adequately. Pat has spoken to the maintenance man at the fairgrounds to ask that he keep the plants watered regularly.

Farm2Fork-Mary The June 8 event at Nolichucky Vineyards will benefit the Soup Kitchen Garden and the New Hope Cemetery. Tickets are still available.

Soup Kitchen-Mary Spring vegetables from the garden are being shared with the community. Beginning in July, the first Wednesday each month there will be demos on preparing fresh foods.

Plant Sale-Mary & Phyllis Thanks to everyone that helped, both at the greenhouse and at the sale. A committee meeting will be held soon to recap this year's project. Mary suggested that everyone continue to think of what can be done to improve the project if the group decides to do it again next year. Michele suggested sending Scott Jay a thank you card for buying the surplus plants after the sale. Lamar commended everyone involved on a successful event. MGs helping with Kids Day on the Farm stands as a partial repayment to the Research Station for use of the greenhouse.

Food Bank-Aliceson Plants are coming up now. Potatoes have been planted in the barrels. Aliceson has been working on the plantings.

Kids Day-Lamar This afternoon is set up day. Tomorrow is the event day. Lamar will be in charge of the Agronomy station focusing on corn and peanuts. Sandee will be in charge of the Vegetables station. Those helping tomorrow should be there by 8 am and plan to stay until 2 or later. 700+ Greene County 3rd graders are expected to attend.

MG Lab-Jeanne Sandee and Jeanne continue to staff the lab on Mondays. Thursdays are still available, contact Melody if interested in helping. Jeanne says it's a great learning experience.

Nathanael Greene-Emily April 16 the committee met at the museum to weed and mulch the beds. Plants were discussed and decided upon. It is possible that the barberry bushes at the museum's entrance will be replaced with azaleas next year. Next workday is Friday May 16th 8 am. The blanketflowers will be replaced with red yarrow. The project ran over budget by \$36.32. Emily asked for a vote to cover the excess. Sandee made the motion, Jerry seconded, motion carried. Emily also made a motion to cover the purchase of soil amendments (up to \$50) to get ready for planting azaleas. Diane seconded, motion carried. Emily thanked everyone who helped weed/mulch.

New Hope Cemetery- Heartland TV Series will be airing the New Hope segment July 10 & 12.

Sustainability Fare-Bev Slow progression on collecting money from businesses that have pledged to help.

Tusculum View Elementary-Diane Programs are finished for now, but work on the garden beds still needs to be done. The staff at the school wants BSMGA to continue with programs next school year.

Old Business

-Pat requested the seed money for the Fairgrounds project.

New Business

-Jerry announced that the June 10 meeting will include a lecture on truffle production by local grower Tom Michaels.

-BSMGA Class of 2014 honored Melody Rose by presenting her with the Kentucky Colonels Award.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 @ 6 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Heather Youngblood, BSMGA Secretary