**Alpine Master Gardener Association**

**February 25, 2015 Minutes**

Actions:

January minutes were reviewed. No changes

Treasurer’s report: Checkbook balance Feb. 16: $2,878.40

Rudi Edel made a motion to accept treasurer’s report as presented. Cathy Campbell seconded it. Motion carried.

AMGA members: 26

Revised budget for the year 2015 presented. A short discussion followed. Motion made by Nancy Dextrom to accept revised budget. Judy McIntyre seconded it. Motion carried.

FYI

Jeanne Freymuth gave a recap of the seminar that was held on 2/21/15 at Treetops Resort. According to the comments on the evaluations the day was a great success. Approximately 150 attendees gained a great deal of guidance from Janet Macunovich to prioritize the work that lies ahead in getting your garden ready in the Spring, with an emphasis on pruning. The audience was entertained by Dr. Knutson’s telling about the flattening of fauna.

The Growing Healthy Food classes at the University Center have also been popular. All four have been filled to capacity. A grant from the OWLS paid for the speakers.

The MSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Training classes will be held in Gaylord this Fall on Mondays 6:00-10:00 pm. The cost is $300. Spread the word. Anyone interested should contact Jeanne freymuth55@gmail.com or 989-732-5348.

Our annual banquet is on April 22 at the Eagles’ Hall. The cost is $20 and the speaker will be Sandra Wilkins, a Master Gardener from Jackson, Michigan talking about Gardening for the “sense” of it. A sign-up sheet to help with the organizing of the banquet was passed around at the meeting. There are still several places that could use some volunteers. Contact Rudi (mgc.otsego@gmail.com) if you can help. Mark your calendars and invite your friends.

The nominations for the Master Gardener of the Year award need to be sent to Jeanne Freymuth by March 31 (3100 N. Townline, Gaylord 49735) stating why that person deserves to receive the award. A group of previous Master Gardener of the Year recipients will choose this year’s recipient.

The Library Series, held on Tuesday nights in May at the library is in the planning stages. Anyone able to assist please contact Cathy Campbell at the library 989-732-5841.

Judy Wagley spoke to the group about growing, harvesting and using herbs. She had wonderful, informative handouts and a wealth of knowledge about how to use them.

 Thanks to: Marilyn Kaczanowski for bringing spiced apple and chamomile tea

 Jeanne Freymuth for the lavender and mint cookies.

 Karen Blewett for the lavender jelly and crackers

 Judy Wagley for the spiced pita breads

Respectfully submitted

Betty Hartmann, Secretary