Alpine Master Gardener Association

March 25, 2015 Member Meeting Minutes

President Karen Blewett called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. Officers present: President Karen Blewett; VP Jeanne Freymuth; Treasurer Michelle Roberts. Excused, Secretary Betty Hartmann.

Marilyn K made a motion to approve the Feb 25th minutes meeting. Nancy D seconded and motion passed.

Treasurer Michelle Roberts reported the bank balance of $5,336 with 30 paid members. Judy M made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented, Marilyn seconded and motion passed.

Jeanne reported the *“Growing Healthy Food”* class series held at the University Center each Thursday evening in February, netted $1,030 for AMGA thanks to a grant from the OWLS covering speaker fees.

Cathy Campbell and Shari Plain are setting up speakers for the May Library Gardening Series which will be held each Tuesday evening in May from 6:00-7:30 pm. Topics and speakers:

* May 5-*Lucious Landscapes*-landscape design with Nurseryman, Jeff Jakeway of Northstar Gardens
* May 12-*Terrific Trees* with Forester, Brittany Mauricette
* May 19-*A Virtual Visit* of the Magnificent Dow Gardens by Horticulturalist, Chuck Martin
* May 26-*Backyard Beekeeping* in our northern Michigan climate with Beekeeper, Dennis Schlak

If you would like to help with this event, contact Cathy at 732-5841 or Shari at 989-213-8180.

ROADTRIP! Flyers for the upcoming “*Real Food-Real Health*” Workshop in Mio on Saturday, April 25th ($15 by April 17th) were available. Jan Schleicher, (tonight’s speaker’s wife) a Certified Health Coach, is coordinating this very informational event which includes vendors, door prizes, practical ideas for real health, and recipes for tasty and easy real food. If you register and would like to participate in a carpool, contact Rudi or Jeanne.

The 3rd annual *Art in the Garden Festival* will be held at the OCD Demo gardens on June 27th. Karen B has volunteered to teach a container gardening workshop and could use a helper. AMGA is putting together a silent auction donation. If you have any new or almost new garden related items, please give them to Marilyn who will put our basket donation together. There are several other ways to help with this event. Contact Patricia at OCD 731-4021. Also, tree sale packing volunteers are needed April 21-May 2. Call Patricia.

You should have received a flyer for the Annual Banquet to be held on April 22 at the Eagles Hall. Please send reservations to PO Box 1331, Gaylord 49734 ($20) by Sunday April 19th as a dinner count is required. Sandra Wilkins, a world traveler, seasoned gardener and interesting speaker, will present “Gardening for the Sense of It!” ALL gardeners are invited, so please contact your gardening friends and bring them along. Questions, contact Rudi or Sandi 732-1244.

Deadline for *Master Gardener of the Year* nominations is March 31. Please email or mail your nominations to Jeanne. (jfreymuth55@gmail.com or 3100 N Townline Rd, Gaylord)

Thank you to Judy McIntyre and Nancy Dextrom for providing tonight’s treats. Marilyn has 3 treat spaces to fill for 2015, one each in May, July and August. Contact Marilyn to fill the spaces 231-546-3186.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm, followed by a short break to snack and *cross-pollinate* with fellow gardeners. Tonight’s speaker, David Schleicher, presented *Saving Seeds*. Main reasons to save seeds include quality improvement; preserve genetics; save money; regional adaptation; and control. Dry, wet and fermentation processes were presented.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeanne Freymuth, in Sec. Betty Hartmann’s Absence