**Alpine Master Gardener Association
Minutes of March 30, 2011**

**Call to order:** Karen Blewett 6:50 pm

**Welcoming committee:** Karen Blewett asked, what is the weirdest thing you have eaten? Each member mentioned an item as we went around the room and introduced ourselves.

**Treasurers Report: Michelle Roberts** could not make the meeting. Karen Blewett presented the balance sheet/the profit/loss statement. The Associations current total cash assets are $4208.92 Randy Goddard moved to approve treasurers report, Annette Yasin supported. Motion to approve was passed. We have 43 Current paid members.

**Committee Reports:** **Events Committee:** Jeanne Freymuth handed out flyers for the **2011 May Gardening Series** to be held Tuesday evenings in May at 6:30. “Local and Organic Gardening and Cooking” is the Theme. Open to the public and free. **The Fall Conference** Committee met prior to this meeting. Topics will include Visualizing Changes in your Garden; Trees and shrubs for small spaces, Favorite Plants and Combinations; & Fabulous Foliage by Janet Macunovich and her husband Steven Nikkila at Otsego Club Conference center on 9/24/11. Price will be $45 and includes lunch. Jeanne asked the membership for their thoughts on offering a Demonstration on Composting free to the public. AMGA would partner with Otsego Conservation District to bring Master Composters, Kathy and Steve Young to the Demo Garden for the demonstrations possible in June. Anyone wishing to assist – contact Jeanne. All events will be promoted in local media.

**Fundraising Report:** Betty Steinhoff: spoke of April 16th Echo Ranch in Johannesburg guest speaker Stephen B. Fouch selecting fruit trees & varieties. Betty spoke on the Cookbook project; she will be calling in to the bookmaker for our order. Betty spoke of putting an ad in the cookbook on behalf of the AMG at a price of $40.Sharie Plain moved to approve the ad, Susan Dengler supported and the motion passed.

Paulette & Randy Goddard have accepted to take on the monthly newsletter as its editors. Thanks to both of you.

**New Business**: Karen Blewett spoke on 2011 goals for this year. There are six new goals. Each one was gone through with the group at the meeting.

**MGVP Coordinator:** Karen Blewett is involved with this issue. Nothing new at this time.

**May plant exchange**: Karen Blewett brought up the topic of a plant exchange to see if the group wanted to do it this year. The group decided to skip this year since we have a speaker, but maybe next year without a speaker.

**June, July and August meetings**: There was a discussion on summer meetings being held in the Demo garden instead of at member garden tours. Annette Yasin made a motion to hold monthly summer meetings in the Demo garden after (optional) work bees, and offer member garden tours at the convenience of the garden hosts. Participation in garden tours and work bees are optional. Carol Buxton supported, motion passed.

 **Refreshments** provided by Randy and Paulette Goddard, Judy McIntyre

**Activity** 8:20: Karen Blewett spoke on the need birds have for water, how they drink and how they get liquids from berries they eat, and some of the process they go through. She spoke on the placement of bird baths for the needs of the birds and the better kind of birdbaths for their protection and safety.

**Meeting adjourned** 8:30 pm. Cathy Brandenburg: bird feeder project. Several hanging bird feeders were put together, fun for all who participated. Thank you Cathy.

Respectfully submitted:
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