Minutes from AMGA monthly meeting

May 28,2014

Meeting was called to order by president Kent Strawderman @6:45 p.m.

Board present: Kent Strawderman, president; Jeanne Freymuth, vice-president; Dee Burau, treasurer; Betty Hartmann, secretary

**Treasurer Report –**

The treasurer’s report was emailed to members. As of May 15, 2014 there is a balance of $8156.30. Marilyn Kaczanowski made a motion that we accept the treasurer’s report as presented. The motion was seconded by Sharon Whitmore and supported by all members present.

**Committee Reports**

Demonstration gardens need volunteers. **Our next two meetings will be held at the** **Demonstration garden**. Give one of these people a call to help in the gardens:

 Kent – 989-983-2531 – Herb garden

 Jeanne – 989-732-5348 – Hummingbird garden

 Carol – 989-939-8377 – Friendship garden

 Karen – 989-786-7449 – Perennial

Sale of cookbooks at reduced price- tabled- A cookbook chair person is needed. Please contact a board member if interested.

Art in the Garden Festival – Marian Wescoat and Carol Lienerth will sell cookbooks at Art in the Garden in the afternoon of June 28. Volunteers needed to help with various activities before and after festival. Contact Patricia Osburn if you can help.

Request for help from Suzanne Stock (989-939-8624) for planting

at the Caring Closet. Call her if you can be of some help.

Request made by Patricia Osburn for funds to help pay for a worker in the Conservation Garden. Jeanne Freymuth motioned to give $1,000, the motion was amended to $1,500. Betty Steinhoff seconded it and the motion was supported by all.

Rudi and Sandi Edel will disseminate information of any field trips that volunteers may wish to attend so people can car pool. Contact them if you are planning to attend one and they will pass along the information to others.

Rudi questioned the timing and other possible reasons for low attendance of the awards banquet. Should changes be made? He is looking for input from the members. Contact him with your ideas about the banquet.

Discussion was had about a Winter/Spring 2015 conference. Ideas included contacting Janet Macunovich, and/or organic or chemical free growing of small fruits. Different venues were suggested. Carol Lienerth will get the name of a speaker from a conference she attended.

Jeanne Freymuth presented the idea of winter community education classes by partnering with the University Center. The topics could include growing your own food, and other related issues. OWLS may be contacted to sponsor speakers.

Patricia Osburn invited all members to the Otsego Conservation District’s Native Plant Nursery Season Opener on Saturday, May 31st, from 9am to 3pm.

At our next meeting we will discuss what committees need to be established to serve our needs.

A sign up sheet was circulated for snacks in June and July.