ALPINE MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

6-27-12 General Meeting Minutes

Call to order: President Karen Blewett at 7:35 p.m.

Thirteen members came out and worked in the gardens. Everything is looking good!

Board members present: Pres. Karen Blewett, Vice- Pres. Jeanne Freymuth, & Kent Strawderman

Minutes were presented by Karen Blewett in the absence of Betty Steinhoff. They were accepted as read.

Sharie Plain’s financial report was presented by Karen Blewett. The group has 44 paid members. The check book balance is $6,299.99. Rudi Edel moved to accept the report. Sally Jarvis supported. Motion carried.

Events Committee:

 Jeanne Freymuth, event chairperson, reported good progress on the plans for the Fall Gardening Extravaganza scheduled for Sept.22, 2012. Kent Strawderman is working on vendors.

Also Jeanne reported about the Junior Master Garden program. The group is meeting on Thursdays through the summer. They have planted a garden in the Demo Garden and are working to maintain it. Elaine Harris helps her along with Justin Burchett.

Monthly meeting committee: for July 25th & August 22nd at the Demo gardens.

Wk bee 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Education Committee: There was no interest for our group to participate at the Thunder Over Waters event. Also after much discussion it was decided by the group not to have a table at the fair.

Old Business:

 A) Jeanne Freymuth and Rudi Edel reported on the progress of the changes in the MSU Extension Master Gardener program. There are twenty-four Master Gardeners from around the state that are working on by-laws, insurance, and direction for a new group. Since this is taking longer than MSUE thought it would, everything is still the same. This includes the liability insurance. Karen Blewett filled out another survey about our association’s assets. It is hopeful that our group may be able to hold classes as we have coordinators. Both Jeanne and Rudi attended a meeting at the MSUE College in June and felt that it was going in the right direction.

 B) The CEE event went well. The AMGA had a good representation that day and there were many hours volunteered in getting the gardens in shape. Thanks to everyone who helped!

New Business:

 A) Karen Blewett reminded members to continue putting their hours in on the MSU Ext website or giving them to Lori Hansen.

 B) Patricia Osburn talked about her need for a full time worker in the Demo Gardens. We brainstorm some ways to help finance this person.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.