

Houston County Master Gardeners' Meeting

Date: 12/11/2018

Present: Sarah Goff, Vicki Otto, Jennifer Wiste, Mike Wiste, Sue Meyer, Mary Thompson, Doug Thompson, Charmaine Uphaus, Anna May, Jean Davy, Linda Lind, Loretta Knutson, Mary Zaffke, Lane Zaffke, Janene Hosch, Barb Hefte

Absent: Mike, Brenda Pohlman, Kathleen Taylor, Terri Kolar, Char Meiners

Welcome. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Loretta at Janene's home in Caledonia

Old Business: none

New Business:

Discussed By-laws that Mike had drawn up. Mary Thompson suggested a change be made and updated on page 6 and 7 to read Chair and Vice-Chair rather than Leader. With the addition of a Vice-Chair to share duties it would also be good training for the person assisting the Chair. Motion to approve as amended by Vicki Otto and Sarah Goff.

Annual report was approved at the last meeting in November.

At the November meeting nomination for leadership positions were Mary Thompson for Chair, Jean Davy for Treasurer, Char Meiners for Secretary. Mary Zaffke volunteered for the Vice-Chair. Loretta called for a vote to approve with Lane Zaffke (1st) and Janene Hosch (2nd) The four officers are approved by those in attendance for 2019.

Being the 2nd Tuesday appears to create an attendance issue for some of the Master Gardeners so a discussion was held and meetings will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month starting January 2019. The Chair to determine how often to meet after the Garden Event.

"Thyme to Garden" will be the theme which is less restrictive than the original title of Gardening Start to Finish.

Doug Thompson has been in contact with the DNR Rochester on rattlesnakes and is still checking into other vermin and wildlife damage program. The DNR doesn't charge but a suggestion of a donation to the non-game wildlife program.

Kathy was going to pursue a possible speaker from Bailey's Nursery and Mary Zaffke is going to contact Kathy and find out the status of this speaker.

With the majority of the attendees being seasoned gardeners Mary Z and Mary T are working on a trivia type game to showcase the gardeners' knowledge.

Save the date cards need to be mailed in January. Nancy from the Caledonia School will supply names and addresses of past persons. It was said Brenda had done this for previous MG spring events and might possibly be able to help again. Nancy will need to notify all Community Ed's in the area and others of the Thyme to Garden program

Thank you to: Charmain (Treasurer), Terry (Secretary), Loretta (Leader) for serving as officers over the past years.

Thanks to Janene for hosting the December meeting and potluck dinner. Your home is awesome. (Thank you to Barb for filling in for secretary in December – you did a great job!)

Charmaine would like the books audited. Signatures need to be changed on both the checking and savings accounts at Merchant's Bank. 2 signatures are required on the account, so Mary Thompson and Jean Davy need to go to Merchant's Bank.

There will be 2 new Master Gardeners upon completion of the course this spring.

Meeting was adjourned by Lane Zaffke

2 hrs meeting plus travel time and mileage.

Don't forget to log your hours before 12/31/2018

Minutes by Barb Hefte