

Botanical Garden Committee Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2019

Attendees: Craig Farland, Shawn Lennon, Anne Coleman, Nancy Mertens, Krysl Ochota, Wanda Maggart and Gayle Pfeiffer.

Old Business –

Pamphlets(handouts) for each Garden –

We discussed primarily the front cover of the new pamphlets. During the Fall Open House, we found that people didn't realize that there were different pamphlets for each themed Garden as all are in black and white. This confusion could have been due to the volume of people going through the BG at one time. In the future, we'll have a weatherproof container at each Garden sign with handouts inside. We need to discuss further if we need the color distinction for each Garden; and if so, how should it be done? **OPEN**

We reviewed the newest iteration of the BG map that Amanda provided as a result of working with the Country GIS office. The map is looking quite nice. There are some more changes and suggestions that we'll provide to Amanda so that she can discuss with GIS. **OPEN**

Standardization for Signage for plant ID signs for the BG –

Craig has more plant names/info to provide to Amanda for the Edible Garden. **Ongoing**

Pond Repair –

J Lynn Construction has been selected for the repair of the pond in the Reflection Garden. Shawn and Pat Booth had made many phone calls and finally received three bids on the repair project. The project should start around December 10th and only take about three workdays to complete. The MG Board decided to go with the bid that includes a second pump to improve water flow through the water feature. **OPEN**

Meadow Garden walkway –

This is a completed project. Everyone was encouraged to walk over and look at the new path. **CLOSED**

Open House Lessons Learned Report – Gayle will combine the comments she received from the Garden Team Leads and write up a separate report for future reference. **OPEN**

5 Year Strategic Plan meeting date –

Since more than half of the Garden Team Leads could not attend today's meeting, we decided to table setting a specific date. However, some time toward the end of January 2020, there should be a separate meeting for only this subject to come up with a plan. To be decided by the BG Committee at the January 15th meeting. **OPEN**

New Business –

Projects/things that need to be done list for Restitution –

Tom Woods asked the MG Board to provide a list of projects that the Restitution group could do on Saturdays. He wanted us to come up with something more interesting/meaningful than just pulling weeds. There was mention of having Pat Naughton, Hardscape, build some bird houses and Restitution paint them? We always need pots washed. While some projects still may not be totally fun, they could be productive. Be thinking of what we can ask them to do. **OPEN**

Rechargeable Power Tools Purchase –

We have a MG storage building, Tom Woods is submitting a work order for the County to install electrical lighting and outlets in this building. We need battery powered blowers, and other battery powered garden equipment for MGs to use in the BG. We could securely store and re-charge them in this new building. Gayle and Shawn will identify some "same brand" tools for purchase. **OPEN**

New Master Gardener Intern Class Project(s) –

Krys briefed on several possible projects that the new MG interns will work up and formally present to the BG Committee for consideration and potential recommendation of approval to the Extension BG Curator. She anticipates that they could be ready by mid-February. **OPEN**

Meadow Garden Workday –

Vicki is planning a workday in the new Meadow Garden on both Thursday and Friday, December 5th and 6th from 9 am until noon on each day. Vicki briefed this at the monthly MG Association meeting and will submit this for inclusion in the Weekly Weeder. **OPEN**

Fragrance Garden New Team Lead –

Mary Ann Gregory has agreed to take on this lovely Garden. We welcome Mary Ann to the BG Team and offer her our support.

Krys brought up that while she will not leave the Discovery Garden as Team Lead just yet, she is interested in handing it over to interested MGs in the New Year. Anne will probably use the two-pronged approach next year to solicit BG volunteer participation – clip board sign up sheets at the monthly MG Association meeting and advertise in the Weekly Weeder. **OPEN**

Ramp for New Storage Building –

Craig briefed the Committee on the possible types of ramps that could be built or purchased for our new storage building. The five-foot aluminum ramp that is designed specifically for this building is the best option for many reasons. This will be purchased and installed soon. **OPEN**

The next BG Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15th at 1100.