Master Gardener State Advisory Committee Minutes
February 11, 2013- Telnet

PRESENT: Monica David, Harry Clayton, Brenda Dahlfors, Joy Gulotta, Rodger Harfst, Pat Kosmach, Shey Lowman, Corinna Walker, Nancy Kuhajda, Sonya Lallemand, Russella Nave, MaryAnne Spinner, Rachelle Hollinshead, Kari Houle, Kelly Stelmach, Lisa Valle

Call to Order: by Monica David, 10 a.m.

Reports:
Monica reported that one of our Illinois MG projects has won a second place SFE award in the special needs category. This cannot be publicized until after the awards are given out in September.

Judging Mini-Grants 2013:
The majority of the meeting was spent discussing the mini-grant applications and choosing the winners. The committee selected these counties/projects to receive awards:

Cook/McKinley Park Community Garden- $300
DuPage/Community Gardens- $500
Ford-Iroquois/Onarga Academy- $900
Jefferson/Gardening for the Homeless-$300
Lee/Three Sisters Children’s Garden- $200
Macoupin/Royal Lakes- $750
McDonough/Shoots and Roots- $300
McHenry/ Harvard Community Garden- $500 (0)
Monroe/JMG Camp- $500
Ogle/Peace Garden-$500
Rock Island/Intouch Enabling Garden- $1000
Schuyler-Brown/Rushville Community Garden- $175.40
Woodford/Yellowjacket Veggie Gardening- $600

Brenda Dahlfors contacted Monica on 2-12 and requested that the McHenry project applications be withdrawn due to submission problems.
Monica then selected the next project which was considered for a grant- Warren/Garden Grubbies and will award them the $500.

Total of grants is $6525.40

Monica will notify counties before March 1.

Suggestions for applications for 2014 Mini-Grants:
There was much discussion on how to approve the application and selection process for 2013.

- Create a template for filling out applications
- Send out an example of a well written application when the application process starts
- Perhaps a county which receives a high monetary grant one year- should not be considered for a high monetary award the following year
- Include in the application- “What is the MG involvement in the project?”
• More impact data is needed- contact numbers, participants etc.
• Reject expenditures on chemicals (ex. Preen) for next year
• Teachable opportunities for the project- applicants should include what education will occur with their project on their application
• Categorize the projects by money requested- may make deciding easier example- $0 to $400; $400-$800; $800-$1200

Future 2013 Meetings:
  May 15th, Wednesday in Champaign or telnet
  September 18th, Wednesday in Moline or telnet