MINUTES OF THE MASTER GARDENER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 17, 2014

PRESENT: Monica David, Jennifer Fishburn, Nancy Kujahda, Russella Nave, John Bodensteiner, Deb McFarling, Pat Kosmach, Patsy Hirsch, Corinna Martinez, Shey Lowman, Kelly Stelmach, Kari Houle, Joy Gulotta, Brenda Dahlfors

The meeting was called to order via Lync at 9:59am. Monica welcomed the newest members: John Bodensteiner from the east central region, Patsy Hirsch from the north east, and Lee Maki from the west central (unable to attend). The main purpose was to review the mini grant applications. Below are some of the comments and (hopefully) the results!

1) Unit 23 Bond/Clinton – no $ awarded. Comments heard: no follow thru, no education plan
2) DuPage – $640 awarded. Comments heard: well rounded, questioned nature walk expenses
3) Effingham – $600 awarded. Comments heard: no community partnership, hidden away, remove 4H fees/signs
4) Knox – no $ awarded. Comments heard: Beautification project, poor education plan, # people involved unclear
5) Lasalle #1 – printed up as 6 pages – ineligible
7) Macoupin - $500 awarded. Comments heard: Grow lab costs were excessive. Good support
8) Madison - $150 awarded. Comments heard: no evaluation
10) McHenry - $700 awarded. Comments heard: should not include marketing, poor evaluation
11) Peoria - $620 awarded. Comments heard: none recorded
12) Pike – no $ awarded. Comment heard: no maintenance plan, vague evaluation
13) Rock Island – awarded $475. Comments heard: drop water system
14) St. Clair – no $ awarded. Comments heard: Sidewalks not covered by grant money
15) Sangamon - $500 awarded. Comments heard: Top application
16) Shelby – no $ awarded. Comments heard: beautification, weak plant selection
17) Warren - $340 awarded. Comments heard: marketing questionable
19) McDonough-no funding

Question regarding applications for next year – funding will come from Monica’s sources.
There will be a “regular” state conference in 2015 in the southern Illinois region.
Next meeting May 5 in Champaign.

Meeting adjourned 11:13. Respectfully submitted – Brenda Dahlfors, secretary