Master Gardener Advisory Committee Minutes  
February 8, 2012

Attendance:  
Monica David  
Brenda Dahlfors  
Corinna Walker and Roger Harfst  
Jen Nelson  
Jennifer Fishburn  
Joy Gulotta  
Linda Smith  
Nancy Kuhajda  
Pat Kosmach  
Rachelle Hollinshead  
Shey Lowman  
Tracy Jo Mulliken  
Harry Clayton

Call to Order: 1:30 by Monica David  
Minutes: no corrections to minutes

Reports
2012 MG conference: Everything is a go. The committee working great. Speaker and tours are set up. Eliot Coleman from Maine is keynote. Diane Wheatly and Steve Apfelbaum. Tours will include 3 estate gardens on Lake Michigan, nurseries, Volo bog, green roofs, MG projects, Organic sites and more.

I Think Green: Staff webinar should be held soon

IPM modules: four modules are close to being done – BLS, Marmorated Stink Bug, Sudden Oak Death and Thousand Cankers of Walnut
- Should be about half hour per module. Participants will print out certificate of participation.
- Modules can be used for cont. education and for advanced training.
- Monica would like several members of committee to evaluate the modules when they are ready.

Database: Monica met with Jane and Chris to discuss updates to volunteer reporting system. The following improvements will be done:
- the volunteer agreement will be automated next year if legal agrees
- there will be a change request form for volunteers to change their own contact info (MG Coordinators okays it and it dumps directly into system)
• Chris will work on an automated email list for coordinators
• a subscription list for electronic mailing of Imagine
• statewide calendar function to go on state MG website
• Monica will have more access to reporting functions.

Discussion Items

o **Mini-grants:** thanks to Shey for setting up score sheet.
  o Eliminated 4 counties that didn’t follow directions or meet our mission: Cumberland, Lee, Logan (not MG mission), LaSalle (no educational). Eliminate Macon as this is for a fence- which we agreed not to fund.
  o Can only fund one per county.
  o $5000.00 is the total amount we can fund.
  o Question: Fund smaller ones or larger ones? New projects or existing projects?
  o **We agreed that no funding would be used for:**
    1. tillers (group votes no to purchase but to rent ok)
    2. renting space
    3. water bills
    4. hardscapes on private land
    5. computer/projector equipment
    6. speakers
  o **Yes for signage, renting equipment, water system is individual per project**
  o John Horton agreed these items would be appropriate if used by MG program according to policies.

Send Monica score sheets by WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15th
Pick top 10, list how much you would fund each project for. If it is less than total amount requested- let us know why you are suggesting a lesser amount.

Telenet meeting to discuss applications: Feb 15 at 2 pm.

Future Meetings:
  May 16- campus
  September 5- Crystal Lake
  November 13- campus