

# BIG COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

## July Business Meeting

July 16, 2024

1. Jackie Sledge called the meeting to order at 6:05pm and determined a quorum present.
2. Review June Business Meeting Minutes – approved.
3. Review June Treasurer Report – approved.
4. Events/Workdays/Meetings – see agenda.
5. Committee Updates

A. Awards – June Busy Bee Award went to Donna Long Wolfer.

June You Rock Award went to Rachel Perkins

B. Budget & Finance – no report

C. Membership: June Hours

349 Vol hours

173.75 CE hours

522 Total hours reported for June'24 by 47 MGs and Interns

D. MG Intern Training – A survey will be conducted to evaluate how to improve.

E. Plant Sale: Oct 12 – bldg. reserved for fall plant sale.

April 12 – bldg. reserved for Spring'25 sale.

F. Projects:

Demo Beds – A few workdays completed; all plants to be planted are in place. MGs encouraged to notice the cotton plants in gardens.

Modern Living Mall – cont to need workdays to weed, water.

Expo Planters – doing well; have plaques in them indicating the plants are furnished by the MGs.

Greenhouse – no activity

Swenson House – cont. to weed, etc.

Zoo – no changes in activity.

Hope Garden – there has been a recent workday.

WASP Museum – Beth Hamaty reports some plants are tolerating the heat fairly well.

Sweetwater Community Garden – Tinneys report lots of veggies which are made available to the community.

Thomas Elementary School – minimal activity this summer

G. Recurring Special Events

Spring/Summer Picnic – good turnout.

Christmas Party – Dec 10 in the Big Country Hall

Garden Tours – possible fall garden tour and possibly a greenhouse tour if enough interest.

H. Resource/Marketing

Website – work underway.

Facebook – updated.

Newsletter – Kalani working on it; submit items to her.

Garden Articles on Website – continues.

- I. Training/Programs
    - Saturday Seminars – 2 remain this year. July 27 is on composting by John Geib; Aug seminar will be on birds and bees with guest speakers.
    - Monthly Library Programs – Beth Hamaty will talk about succulents in August; Wildflowers by Carrie Wright will be presented in Sept.
    - Advanced Training – no opportunities at this time
  - J. Strategic Planning Committee – no recent meeting
  - K. Maple St. Property – No progress in getting the fence moved. Dawnyel will ask Steve to talk with Chuck Statler.
6. Director's Meeting – Aug 2, 2024
  7. Old Business
    - A. P&P/Bylaws Review – working on the P&P on Adv Training
    - B. Organization of storage cabinet – still needs done.
    - C. T shirts – picked up today and will be dist. soon
    - D. Second Greenhouse – Ordered 6/24; due to be delivered in 6-8 weeks.
    - E. Shade House at Maple St – looking for one.
    - F. Rain Barrels – 18 awaiting construction; bulk supplies being secured to reduce costs.
  8. New Business – Landscape Symposium on Sept 14 in San Angelo by the Concho Valley MGs. Registration is not yet open.
  9. Extension Office News – no report
  10. Open Discussion – Kathy Turner stated Lubbock MGs are having garden tours. More info to come.
  11. Motion to Adjourn: John made motion and Kathy seconded it at 7:00pm.
  12. Next Educational/Business Mtg to be August 20, 2024.