Orange County Master Gardener Advisory Committee Minutes

The meeting of the Orange County Master Gardener Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Ed Paulson at 10:32 am, Friday, July 31, 2015.

ATTENDANCE:
Present:

Advisory Committee – Master Gardeners Ed Paulson, Marquita Anderson, Cyndi Matzick, Dailey Smith, Regina Dunay, Janice Oberwetter, Tom Porter, Dena Wild, Jan Harding (Alternate) & Carolyn Bird (Alternate).
Advisor – Ed Thralls, Extension Agent, Orange County Extension
Also in attendance: Master Gardener Roger Selch
Taking minutes: Ed Thralls, Extension Agent, Orange County Extension

Absent:

Master Gardeners Sue Rhoads

Minutes – April 24, 2015
Minutes of previous meeting **motioned for approval** by Regina Dunay and seconded by Cyndi Matzick. **Approved as submitted.**

Old Business:

2015 Plant Festival

- Ed Paulson and Janice Oberwetter provided update of upcoming event to be held at the UF/IFAS Extension Service Orange County, Saturday, October 10, 2015.
- VMS Calendar to be created late August for volunteer sign up.

MG Clothing Update

- Jan Harding has been researching materials, colors, sizes, order minimums etc. Expect to have a sample shirt with embroidered logo from vendor before proceeding.

New Business

Automobile Security in Extension parking lot

- Committee member Dena Wild bought this item before the committee after a recent break in of a Master Gardener's car. Recommendation: Committee to draft a letter to the County Extension Director voicing concern.

New Master Gardener Volunteer Training

- Committee member Cyndi Matzick will coordinate luncheon for new MG class that starts on September 15th. E-mail sent to veteran MGs for support.

Plant Clinic Volunteer Hours

- Committee member Tom Porter brought up this topic. Veterans should give up spots in Plant Clinic for new Master Gardener so they can get their volunteer hours. Comment: That is a matter to be determined between the veteran MG and new class members. (ELT)

New Classroom for Monthly Meeting – Lunch 'N' Learn

- Committee member Marquita Anderson suggested we hold our monthly meetings in a bigger classroom not the regular attendance is exceeding the number of chairs at tables in the Azalea Room. Comment: We will hold the monthly meeting for the reminder of the year in the Magnolia Room.

Agent Update

- New MG Training begins September 15, 2015. There are 25 applicants.
- Exploration Garden Changes: need Master Gardeners to be present at the next Board of County Commissioners meeting, August 4th, to show support for the requested Education Pavilion.

Being no further business **motioned for adjournment** by Carolyn Bird and seconded by Jan Harding.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm by unanimous consent.

Next Advisory Committee meeting: Friday, October 30th, 2015 at 10:30 am in the UF/IFAS Extension Service Orange County Conference Room.