

Rutland County Master Gardeners' Meeting Minutes from July 17, 2023

The Rutland County Master Gardeners' meeting was held at the Godnick Center on July 17, 2023. Jan Sherman started the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Steering team members present were: Jan Sherman, Patti Westburg, Jerri Hoffman, Kathy Hall, Judy Nevin, Deb Bieg and Sarah Gallagher.

Master Gardeners' and interns present were: Rose Czapor, Joe Whitehead, Nancy Bernier, Jean Stowell, Zack Eastman, Larry Springsteen, Richard Holden, Cyndie Holden, Karen Kay, Rita Gylys, Lynn Gould, and Liz Morton.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 19, 2023 secretary's report.

Deb Bieg gave the treasurer's report. Jan Sherman accepted the treasurer's report.

A motion was made and seconded to donate \$100.00 to the Godnick Center for the use of the grounds for the plant sale. Funding will come from the plant sale budget.

Jan Sherman talked about a memorial plaque to be placed at the fairgrounds for master gardeners' who have passed. A committee will be formed to work on the wording. Judy Nevin, Jerri Hoffman and Jan Sherman will head up this committee.

There was a conversation about offering scholarships for the upcoming Master Composter class coming up. Jan Sherman will be having more information at a later date.

Kathy Hall gave an update on the speaker program. Tonight's speaker was Ian Vair. The topic was mushrooms. He will also be doing a field trip on September 18th at 5:30- 7:30 at Pine Hill Park Forging mushrooms. Thank you to Kathy for a great job this year with the speaker program.

The October 16, 2023 meeting will be our annual appreciation dinner. More information will follow as we get closer to that date.

Jan gave an update on the fairgrounds she will be having a work day this Friday July 21st starting at 9:00 a.m. The fair starts at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday August 15th thru Saturday August 19th. Linda Barnard will be sending out a schedule soon the shifts will be 11-2, 2-5 and 5-8. Interns will be paired up with a master gardener. Watch your email as slots fill up fast. Two people per shift for master gardeners and 1 per shift for Master composters.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Patti Westburg EMG 2012