Dear Master Gardeners,

Spring is here and our 1st Annual Garden and Plant Sale is just around the corner. Words cannot adequately express the gratitude that I have for all of the work each of you have done towards this event. Many have given their time and effort for the success of the garden and plant sale. Thank you!

Also, thank you for all that have been diligent in working their projects and showing the community the passion you have in being a Master Gardener and beautification of our projects. Despite the unpredictable weather, each of you have maintained each garden. The community greatly benefits from your hard work.

At tonight’s meeting, we will get updates on the upcoming plant sale and will have a time for questions to be asked and answered by committee members. As for the newsletter, I have several photos and articles to publish contributed by our members. I apologize for falling behind in this area. It is my hope to have the newsletter completed by the middle of April. I appreciate Michelle in producing the nuts and bolts of the newsletter...

The newsletter does not contain the minutes. I hope to have this for us tonight. Hope to see each of you this evening. Until then, Happy Spring! - Elizabeth

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Agenda:

Call Meeting to Order
Program: Kim Hughes
Minutes in Newsletter
Treasurer’s Report Approval
2013 Budget Proposal
Garden and Plant Sale Updates:
Questions & Answers
Time Keeping: Mickey Davis
Workday Announcements
Rain Barrel Workshop
Adjourn

Condolence Notices: With thoughts of Sympathy go out to Paul Glenn with the unexpected loss of his younger brother.

Hospital and Sick Notices:
I have heard of two in our group that has had bouts of the flu. They are Patricia Roberts and Jimmy Smith.

Karen Herpich’s husband Fred is currently getting his kidney transplant procedure as I write. (3-27)

Judy Moore’s mother was found after she had fallen and is in the hospital, don’t have any confirmed prognosis.

Take good care,
Ethel
Polk County Master Gardeners

Beginning Balance Checking Feb 18, 2013 $4581.76

Deposits: Membership Dues 120.00
  Badge Penalty Fees 1.00

Expenses:
Rose Garden – Plants for East End 199.50

Ending Checking Balance: $4503.26

Restricted Fund Balances:
  Fair Education Bldg. 868.00
  Rose Garden VA Donation 1174.75

Unencumbered Funds Balance: $2460.51

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Project Reports

Courthouse Landscape & Irrigation – Paul Glenn, Chair
The Courthouse landscape committee had a workday on March 14th. We built berms and planted two little Magnolia trees. On March 20th several of us went to Mickey Davis’ house for a workday where we gathered rocks for the flower beds. Hopefully next week will be warmer so we can plant more shrubs.

Courthouse Landscape – Azaleas Bed – Linda Elliott
No report

Courthouse Landscape – Front Beds Along Sidewalk to Street – Jon Addis Calleton
My part of the courthouse has nothing done which is pruning shrubs along sidewalks as the main work has been on digging up stellias and redoing the front beds with magnolia trees, berms and rocks. Will have pruning day when this new project is completed.

Courthouse Landscape – Left Bed by Steps – Delis Kesterson
No activity

Courthouse Landscape – Right Bed by Steps – Mickey Davis
We will try to work at the courthouse right side on Wednesdays, 10:00 am, weather permitting, or any time you can work let me know and I will try to be there

Courthouse Landscape – Rose Garden – Carol Schulz
Karen & I finished & sent the state applications, with photos, for the Courthouse Rose Garden as Project of the Year & for Linda Elliott as Rookie of the Year, & their receipt was acknowledged. So both will be in contention at the state convention in May.

Depot Landscape – Betty Smith
Shrubs were pruned in tiered beds by three committee members March 12. Those working for the day were: Dorothy Potez, Ann Michalec and Betty Smith.

Morrow Street Housing Authority Landscape & Park Place – Kay Alley
The roses and other shrubs have been pruned. General clean-up of the flower beds and mulch has been spread. Thanks to Lary, Linda, Delis, Fred and David.
We did work today (3/26/2013) at the Housing Authority. Still have more cleaning and pruning to do. Another workday will be scheduled soon. Thanks to Lary, and Ann M.

Newspaper Articles – Kim Hughes
Mead Star – No report for this month.
Plant Sale – Spring – Patricia Roberts

My committee is the commercial bldg where we are holding the plant sale. Not too much to report at this stage. One thing is, though, that we are unable to use some of the big dividing panels that normally are away from the wall into the center of the bldg.

Since the bldg doesn’t have a room that we can dedicate to the speakers, it would be a more intimate setting for them to speak without traffic going by if we had some folding screens or room dividers (picture below). We may be able to borrow a couple from Madean's church but perhaps if you put out this request to your email, other people may know of some more that can be borrowed. They don’t have to match. If anyone has some or can get some, please tell them to call me.

Polk County Fair – Madean Pearce *seasonal*

Polk County Fairgrounds Landscape – Jon Anna Calleton *seasonal* no report

Polk County Youth Horticulture – Sherry Humphries

Youth Education

At our March 6 JMG meeting in the Acorn 8th grade classroom, we transplanted from the milkjugs we had planted in January. The transplants went into newspaper cups the students made with Frances Smith’s guidance. With the exception of those who planted Basel in their jugs, all of the students had remarkable success! Master Gardeners Frances Smith, Ann Glenn, Linda Elliott and Sherry Humphries enjoyed the class as much, if not more than, the students. We have one student who is blind. He planted his own jug and when he held the small sunflower plant in his hands he said ‘Is this really my plant from the seeds I planted? Let’s be really careful to not break it’. What an awesome sense of accomplishment! Our next meeting is scheduled for April 3. We plan to help each student plant a terrarium using mostly native violets, ferns and anything else we find outdoors that is suitable to this type planting. You are welcome to join us...11:15 at Acorn School, go in the door that says Principal’s Office. We will be in Mrs. Rusert’s 8th grade Science class at the end of the hallway, last door on the left.

County 76 – Theresa Erwin

C76 has a meeting April 23rd from 10-3 with lunch at the LR Extension office. I will be going and will gladly give a report on my return.

Garden Tours-Local – LaRayne Risenhoover

The committee for local garden tours is working on tours for May and June. We are looking at May 22nd for the first tour. More details later.

Garden Tours – out – Ann Michalec *no report*

Christmas Trail of Trees – Paul Glenn *seasonal*

Programs – Steve *no report*

Project Proposal – Dola Kesterson No activity

Scholarship – Kay Alley *seasonal*

Seminars – Steve Mosley *no report*

Social – Kay Garner *no report*