

# Isanti County Master Gardener Meeting

## February 9, 2017.

**Members Present:** Alison Almos, Barb Barry, Gretchen Beecroft, Debbie Bodnar, Mark Breeding, Lucy Bunnell, Nancy Carlson, Melissa Carstensen, Poppy Irwin, Sandi Johnson, Ruth Paschke, Ken Schroepfer, April Tighe, Carla Trupe, Katie Walker, Dawn Watson, Carol Wood, Wayne Yust.

**Secretary's Minutes:** It was *moved, seconded and carried* to accept the January, 12, 2017 minutes as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report:** It was *moved, seconded and carried* to accept the treasurer's report as presented..

**Website Analytics:** Carla Trupe reported significant website traffic with 1220 hits last month and 441 hits so far this month.

**Intern reports:** In lieu of an educational presentation this month interns Alison Almos, Nancy Carlson, Melissa Carstensen, April Tighe, Katie Walker and Wayne Yust talked about their internship experiences. Overall they enjoyed the coursework and want to go through it again to absorb more; mentors were very helpful and supportive; interaction at meetings, fair booth, farmer's market, Jr. Master Gardeners, school garden was rewarding and helpful. Areas of interest that may be pursued or areas to develop and improve are: Alison - beekeeping; Nancy - the ability to be a presenter; Melissa - developing footprints (procedures) for people to follow as far as specific Burst tasks are concerned; April - wild edibles and growth in the Jr. Master Gardener Program; Katie - forestry and intergenerational activities; Wayne - problem solving with greenhouses. Each intern received their official pin and a certificate.

**Master Gardener recognitions:** February birthdays were recognized. Awards were presented to Poppy Irwin for 1000 volunteer hours; to Robin Weber for 15 yrs. as a Master Gardener and to Ken Schroepker for 35 years as a Master Gardener. Congratulations!

**T Shirt/Polo Shirt Order status:** T Shirts/polo shirts were distributed as ordered and money was collected for the extra cost of the polo shirts.

**Monthly Newspaper Articles:** Holly Anderson, Joan Watson and Carla Trupe have worked out the details. A few more articles are needed. Details regarding months available for articles will be sent to the membership.

**Yard and Garden Report:** Alison Almos reported no messages.

**Coordinators Report:** A discussion about Burst emphasized a need for sign up sheets for the

day. The itemized sign up sheets will be sent to the membership. Please sign up and respond. There is a need for more vendors and crafters. Wayne Yust will contact a regular at the farmer's market. As of this writing there are 16 paid vendors and 38 participants registered. We need more of both! It was decided by the group that **we will meet on Thursday, March 9th for one hour to make sure everything is in place.** Committee leaders and executive board will have a conference call with Joan on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. On Friday, March 10 at 4 p.m. all members are expected to help set up for Burst. Vendors may come at 5 p.m. that evening, although most have indicated that they will set up on Saturday morning. It is important that members be available on Saturday morning, March 11, by 7 a.m. to help. After Burst on Saturday, members are expected to help put away tables and chairs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gretchen Beecroft  
Secretary