

# Isanti County Master Gardener Meeting

## November 10, 2016

**Educational Presentation:** “Hoop Houses and Cold Frames” by Ken Schroepfer, Isanti County Master Gardener. Twenty-two people attended the presentation.

**Members Present:** Alison Almos, Sherry Banwart, Barb Barry, Gretchen Beecroft, Deb Bodnar, Mark Breeding, Rhonda Breeding, Duane Bunnell, Lucy Bunnell, Melissa Carstensen, Poppy Irwin, Sandi Knolls, Beverly McLaughlin, John Nordin, Ruth Paschke, Ken Schroepfer, Ruth Thunstrom, Dawn Watson, Joan Watson, Carol Wood, Wayne Yust.

**Secretary Minutes:** It was *moved, seconded and carried* to accept the October 13, 2016 minutes as distributed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer’s report was accepted as presented.

**PICKM Meeting:** Joan Watson reported that it was a great meeting with awesome food and representatives from all counties .

**Farmer’s Market:** Ken Schroepfer thanked members who participated. The last 2 or 3 Fridays in Isanti were the only ones unfilled. We may have a request from Braham to participate in their Farmers Market.

**Junior Master Gardeners Report:** Ruth Thunstrom reported that the year started with 12-15 participants, but attendance dropped off as the summer progressed. Eleven helped plant their plot in the community garden. In July several took part in the fair booth and the Isanti Rodeo parade; in August they had a picnic in the park; seven kids visited the pumpkin patch and two helped with garden plot clean up. Next year they may work with a school, offering an after school program.

**2017 Master Gardener Budget:** No more suggestions for change were given to Dawn Watson. It was *moved, seconded and carried* that the 2017 Master Gardener Budget be approved with the modifications suggested at the October meeting and made by Dawn Watson.

**2017 Officers:** The slate of officers was unanimously accepted.

John Nordin, president  
Mark Breeding, vice president  
Dawn Watson, treasurer  
Gretchen Beecroft, secretary

**2017 Community Garden Board vote:** It was *moved, seconded and carried* to accept the recommendations for the community garden board as presented by Lucy and Duane Bunnell.

**Master Gardener Holiday Party:** Deb Bodnar invited everyone to attend the potluck party at the Minnco Community Center on Friday, Dec. 9, 6-8 p.m. There will be socializing, eating at 6:30 and door prizes. Call Deb if you have door prizes to donate. Spouses and significant others are invited to attend. Joan will be responsible for getting the key to the building.

**Burst into Spring:** Joan Watson reported that all chair positions are filled.

Advertising - Melissa Carstensen

Brochure/signage - Ken Schroepker

Photography - Deb Bodnar, Alison Almos

Door Prize - Sandi Knolls

Food - Lucy Bunnell, Rhonda Breeding

Room/Registration signs - Barb Barry

Technology - Robin Weber

Facebook - Sandi Johnson

Silent Auction - Duane Bunnell

Registration - Carla Trupe

Vendors - Ruth Paschke (preliminary letter sent; 8 possible)

Speakers - Poppy Irwin (all set - Keynote speaker has requested 75 minutes)

**MG Coordinator's Report:** Polo shirts will be ordered for members before Burst. They will be maroon and gold representing University of Minnesota colors. It was suggested we get size samples for ordering. Katie Walker had mentioned monogram printing at the high school. Joan will check with her. The final logo, etc. will be decided by the executive committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gretchen Beecroft, Secretary