

## Minutes for August 1, 2023 Advisory Board Meeting

Present; Ruth Retzlaff, Linda Loker, Deby Voyles, Valerie Stabenow, Madisen Potratz, Kathy Schultz (via phone),

Excused: Jean Reed, Ann Murphy

1. Transition for 2024. August 1, 2023 was the deadline for filling 2024 leadership positions. Those that volunteer will need to be active members, and fulfill the education and volunteer hours requirements for 2023. At the time of the meeting, the following people volunteered for positions:
  1. Director position: Sandy Dennis and Kathy Daniels
  2. Treasurer: Sue Egner
  3. Secretary: Ann Murphy
  4. Planners for business meeting: Linda Werner and Linda Baeten, Deb Butch
  5. Winter Social: Sandy Dennis
  6. June picnic: Parkview crew and Sue Egner
2. Winter Gathering date: The team decided to keep the date in January, as it seems to be a better time to do this versus December. Linda Loker volunteered to secure a date with Father Carr's place, and to also secure a "adverse weather back up date."
3. Farmer's Market - Madison reported that the Farmer's Market days have been successful. Winnebago County would like to see us attend other Farmer's Markets in other cities. The team felt we are stretched for volunteers as it is, so we wouldn't reach out to other Farmer Market groups at this time. Madisen also mentioned several requests for other projects in the community that she has received. In the new Master Gardener world, if a Master Gardener chose to take on a new project, that person would need to do the online paperwork to get approved. (Do we announce these requests to the membership and if someone decides to pursue, they can do that?)
4. Dissolution Clause - this process was voted on by membership in May 2022. Because the organization had no process for dissolving the club, this process was developed by the board and should be kept.
5. Honorary Status -Madisen will explore how we can find the names of those that have applied and been approved for Honorary status.
6. Education trips We received a poor response this year for the offerings for education trips that had been planned. At the September Business meeting, the Education Team update will include asking for what interest members may have for a bus to the Garden Expo in Madison in February.
7. 2024 Garden Walks - we will continue to encourage member gardens and project to open for a garden walk. Morgan House project is planning a walk in 2024.
8. Extension Newsletters. Deby has emailed Ashley the current list. Discussion on if it is needed for Ashley to continue to send out the monthly newsletter. Decided that it can be sent from our email address. Will find out who sends Ashley the newsletter information; and wi will clarify so a change can be made with the Advisory Team sending it out via the MG email.

9. Membership update - 46 current members. Madisen will look into members being current with required hours or if they are deactivated in the system. Ashley's list is still at 90. Deby V. will send our current list to Madisen for comparison. Concern expressed that there may be members who have been dropped at state level and may not be current with CBC or Reporting mandate and may still be actively involved. Madisen wants to use Ashley's list to send out invites to all past members not actively involved but may be interested in volunteering for the Extension.

10. Posting business meetings - minutes to be posted on website and in newsletter.

11. Upcoming events: Sept 6 Wednesday, Business meeting Coughlin Center 6pm

Facilitators are Jenny Briening and Lil Hansche.

Winter Social - Date to be determined in January 2024

Meet and Greet with new advisory team set for Oct 15th at 1pm or August 14 at 7pm. Invite will be sent to new team members.

12. Treasure update: Account at \$4226.39 to date.

Deb Voyles make a motion to adjourn at 5:15pm Seconded by Valerie Stabenow.

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