

Minutes January 9, 2007

Horticulture and Environmental Education Program Committee

Present: Jim Eckhout, Richard Frank, Anne Crotser

Anne called the meeting to order. The minutes were approved as presented. Jim Eckhout indicated that we had \$390.40 in our bank account.

Committee members will be presenting two workshops at the 2007 Crafts Workshop on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Jim will be doing Recycled Garden Art and Richard will be doing Flower Arranging. Christine said she dropped Worm Composting because she had an adequate number of activities and hadn't heard from Mary Ellen Anglewicz, the potential presenter.

The vacant Committee positions, Secretary, 4-H Council Adult and Youth remain vacant.

It was agreed to change the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to March 20<sup>th</sup> due to Easter.

Anne will talk to Karen of Hessels' Greenhouse and find out the details of her offer to teach a greenhouse class at Wolcott Farm. We can then publicize the offer and determine whether there is adequate interest.

Anne said she would include the following two items in the March/April News-letter: Anne's Horticulture Lessons for your club meeting; and Matching Club Horticulture Projects with Master Gardeners.

We reviewed the results of the Horticulture Survey sent to General Leaders. Only about half of the clubs have responded. Anne will ask Roberta to contact the rest. It appears the interest in a horticulture clinic is minimal, but probably big enough to continue planning.

A review of the 2006 Armada Fair registrations showed that 28 different youth entered projects in Depts L and O. Anne will contact these youth about the Greenhouse Class and the Horticulture Clinic to determine the extent of interest.

Since it is likely that Rotary Park will charge a large fee for use of their facility on May 5<sup>th</sup>, alternative sites for the Clinic were discussed. The Sr. Auditorium is available, Armada H.S. cafeteria is available, but there would be a charge because a custodian would need to be present. Anne will find out how much that would be. Jim will look into using the Ray Township Hall, the Armada Grain Elevator, and the Armada Senior Facility.

We discussed possible content for the Hort. Clinic. The following topics were suggested: New Dept. rules, how to handle your exhibit from cutting to showing, Judging practice, growing annuals for exhibit (maybe Karen would present), growing vegetables for exhibit (Anne will ask Sandra about a presenter), and container gardens.

Jim announced that Northern Macomb had agreed to take over and expand the Armada Fair Recycling Project, perhaps with the assistance of another club.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Crotser