

No lifetime memberships will be awarded due to the state change to recognize members at 3,5,10 and 15 years. Bylaws will need to be updated in 2017 to reflect this change.

7. **Donations and Contributions.** There was a discussion of how recognition of donations and special gifts should be handled. A donation from Verizon Wireless was received this spring and thank you cards were never sent. The secretary is instructed to handle all correspondence of the association at the direction of the board, including letters / cards of this nature. Comments followed on the possible use of \$750 received from Verizon Wireless. Currently, the funds are held in a capital fund for special projects. This discussion was tabled for a future time after the membership survey has been reviewed and possible ideas considered. A letter of appreciation is to be sent to Verizon and the member who helped make the donation possible. Linda Lindquist will handle this in the secretary's absence.
8. **Interim Secretary:** Due to Linda Lunday's illness, we will need an interim secretary to fill the position until she recovers. This will be announced at the next meeting and Autumn Shultz will post on private Facebook page.
9. **Demonstration Garden Plaques:** Janie presented information she received about cast metal signs that would be appropriate for memorials of Master Gardener members. A sign in Frank Crawford's memory will be ordered and placed on the Demo Garden shed. Funds for this were donated by members.
10. **Members who have requested inactive status for 2017:** Jane Lee Wise; Leslie Mitman; Louise Armstrong; Sherril Vick; Lois Maier; Rhonda Bilyeu; Michael Slaybaugh. Janie suggested that we implement the practice of exit interviews for inactive members, thank them for their service and make sure they know they are welcome back to the association in the future.
11. **Membership Survey Results:** 33 association members responded to the survey Janie sent out. Results were reviewed but due to time constraints it was agreed to review this in more detail in January.

Presidents Report:

1. Richard Lee suggested that the comments from Joy Anderton be tabled until the January meeting so there would be more time for discussion.
2. Reviewed items needed for December 12 meeting.
3. February will be welcome meeting for interns. Will need presentation of 2016 achievements, flow charts etc. Autumn will be coordinating this.

Vice Presidents Report:

Autumn Shultz reminded that March 25 is scheduled day for information sign installation. She has a list of people who said they would help and she will remind them. Floyd Adams is going to check to see if concrete will be available that date.

2016 Budget Review

Discussion of budget as presented by Lee Etta Cadotte. Total operating budget for 2017 \$9,150.00 to be funded from revenues received in 2017. Reduced budget for meeting expense and transferred to composting, garden basics class and events. No net change to budget total. Discussed presenting separate capital budget for future projects. This consists of \$5,000 reserve and any gifts or contributions for special need. Motion by Autumn Shultz, 2nd by Jenny Byrum to accept budget as amended. Budget will be emailed to all members and presented for vote to association in January. Email to include reminder to membership that you must have been recertified in 2016 to vote in 2017. Motion by Jenny Byrum, 2nd by Autumn Shultz to adjourn meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Lindquist, CMG