MINUTES OF MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION
MAY 10, 2007

LOCATION: Home and Garden of Anne Sickinger

ATTENDANCE: Liz Zachak, Jane Pernell, Anne Pierce, Anne Sickinger, Joie Byrne, Jaunita Watson, Eleanor Beattie, Pru Garlow, Sheila Sidway, Peggy Burton, Julia Condit, Maggie Barkley, Connie Gorham, Carol Wright, Howard Moss, L. W. Farmer, and Marsha Lemley.

CALL TO ORDER by President Joie Byrne.

MINUTES of April meeting were approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Current balance of checking account: $2,494.75. Financial report of plant sale: $8,013.50 income received, $1,858.82 expenses disbursed, leaving a remainder of $5,954.68 that is to be deposited into the checking account. It was noted that there will be more income for the plant sale in the next few days.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE: Carol Wright and Maggie Barkley thanked everyone for their help with the plant sale. 20 MGV helped set up the plant sale on Friday and 21 MGV helped work at the plant sale on Saturday. Thank you notes will be written soon to all those who contributed a raffle, silent auction item, or plants. Any suggestions to improve the plant sale are being kept in a file for next year. It was noted that last year’s plant sale made about $3500.00.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Anne Sickinger and Jimmy Winters were congratulated for doing a great job with the publicity for the plant sale. Anne handed out flyers for the upcoming program on photographing nature by Robert Eagles.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Robert Eagles will teach a class on Thursday, May 17 on photographing nature. Fee is $10.

SCRAPBOOK COMMITTEE: Marsha Lemley and Ron West are busy photographing events for the scrapbook.

OLD BUSINESS: Telephone duty is going well. Herb Day at Farmer’s Market went well. Recipes provided by Karen Jenkins were a great hit. 50 raffle tickets were sold for the plant sale. Individual Life Skills was very beneficial for the participants. Another request has been made to repeat the class for a different group on June 6. Four volunteers are needed. Information concerning a possible scholarship will be presented at an upcoming meeting by a representative from . Strawberry Jazz at the Farmer’s Market went well. Suggestion was made to start serving earlier. Research project on ground pearls in centipede grass has been received by the participants. Organic Gardening class attended by Anne Sickinger was good. Secretaries at the Ag
Center thanked the MGV for their gift certificate to the Garden Spa for Administrative Day.

NEW BUSINESS: The Freewill Baptist Children’s Home in Middlesex has requested that MGV come to plant a shade garden or vegetable garden on June 18 and 19 or June 21 and 22. Carol Wright, Anne Sickinger, and Connie Gorham volunteered to help. Yearly dues of $20 are due June 1 with a deadline of July 1. Workdays in the arboretum are May 22 and 23 and June 19 and 20. Joie appointed Carol Wright to the nominating committee and Jaunita Watson and Sheila Sidway were nominated and accepted the duty to complete the requirement of 3 members. The new officers will be elected at the June meeting. A picnic will be held at the June meeting and more information will be provided later.

Respectfully submitted,
By Maggie Barkley in
Marian Haney’s absence.