

## West Plains Beekeepers Association

January 19,2018

Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA

**6pm-6:30** Social Time Talking about Bees

**6:30pm** **Educational Program:** Jim Miller, talked about the Journeyman Program that he is working on with the inmates at AHCC. Joe Miller, who has been assisting with the project, went over the process they selected to work on the Journeyman book. The class offered to the public by WPBA will start in February 2018.

**7:00pm** Meeting Called to order by Ellen Miller @ 7:22pm

**Approval of November Meeting minutes:** Minutes were approved with some discussion about who made a motion.

**Treasures Report:** (Kevin Ryan) - 2018 payment for membership is due. Membership cards passed out to members present. Report on the treasure's report overall staying right around \$4,000.00. Lots of people paying their dues for this year. Kevin passed out the January 2018-December 2018 budget. Looking at education cost. Projected expenses for the post office box, storage unit etc. member asked about free storage /talked about what is stored in the storage unit. Jack talked about the club's canopy and tables being replaced and the cost for a yellow canopy with our logo was out of our price range, decided to buy a plain canopy and a banner. The expenses are just a bit higher then what we are bringing in. May need to increase prices of classes just a bit to help cover the cost of printing the books. We just want to at least break even. Margo moved that we approve the budget as submitted. Motion approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Education Committee:** (Margo Buckles) Up-coming programs – In February- Kevin Oldenburg will be speaking about some scientific aspect of beekeeping he hasn't decided what just yet. March- Hoping to get someone to speak about flowers trying for Diane Stutsman from Desert Jewels Nursery. April- Mary has agreed to speak about Keeping Bees with Neighbors. May- Margo is thinking about doing a 2<sup>nd</sup> year refresher for half an hour. Margo handed out posters for the classes. Classes noted below

Awarding WASBA Apprentice Certificates for November class, none were present at the meeting. Margo has completed her Journeyman Certificate. We now have a 2<sup>nd</sup> Master Beekeeper in our group Sandy Fanara. Congratulations to Sandy!!

**Educational Programs:** February (Kevin Oldenburg) Margo's report.

**Journeyman Class:** February 14, 21, 28 and March 14, 21, 28 Time 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cost \$50.00

**Beginning Beekeeping Class:** March 10, 17, 24, 2018

**Educational Programs:** Ellen is working on the beta testing for the Washington State Beekeepers Association. And Jim is working a beta test program for the journeymen program as well.

**Publicity:** (Margo Buckles) Passed out Posters.

**Research Report:** (Kevin Oldenburg) not present

**EWU Sustainability:** (Kevin Oldenburg) – not present

**Airway Heights Correctional Center:** (Jim Miller) - Jim reported that the inmates are working on raising queen bees.

**Airway Heights Ordinance Report:** (Margo Buckles) Marilyn has made contact with AH councilman who interested in making changes to their ordinances.

**Website:** (Jack Miller) – Jack spoke about the websites strange issues on our ratings. Asked everyone to go to our website and give us a rating.

**Annual Meeting/Conference:** (Jenifer Priest) – EWU facility; February 9, 2019 if you're interested in helping out get in touch with Jenifer. They are working on a Survey to see what everyone is interested in. Check your emails and please fill them out. If your working on your Journeyman this is a volunteer event.

**Reinvent Medical Lake:** (Ellen Miller, Scott Holbrook, Margo Buckles) bee-friendly neighborhood brochure.

**Washington State Beekeepers Association:** (Ellen Miller) Waiting for action on beta Apprentice manual and journeyman manual.

#### **New Business:**

Suggested by Jim Miller go to the Miller's Homestead website; there are 14 articles about the mites.

Jim is also getting his equipment together to start making his own videos on beekeeping. So standby for that in the future.

**Request to adjourned @ 8:02pm by Jim Miller**