Minutes: 2014 Master Gardener (MG) Compost Committee Meeting
Date/Time: Thursday August 14, 2014, 3:00-4:00 pm
Location: Lancaster County Extension
Present: Sarah Browning, Mary Jane Frogge, Shelley Forney, Paula Luther, Cleo Wooten, Eve Hoffman, Alice Baden,

1. **Review of previous minutes** – Thanks to Craig Hahn, Deloy Stark, Glenn Funk and Don Matthew for repairing the existing compost bins at Pioneer Park prior to May 10, 2014.

2. **Upcoming Compost Library Sessions** – Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm –

   - October 7, Gere – Craig Hahn
   - October 14, Anderson – Alice Baden
   - New presentation for the library sessions – Sarah Browning showed the new posters and handed out the Compost Program Outline for future library sessions. This will eliminate any electronic devices/power point technology as well as increase dialogue from the participants. It will also allow the committee to take on more responsibilities in the library sessions. Sarah will still be present at the Library sessions for now but the goal is for the committee to take on more of the responsibility.

   Sarah spoke with Gene Hanlon, Coordinator of the City of Lincoln Solid Waste division, concerning increasing the number of demonstrations and decreasing the number of library sessions in 2015. He was okay with the possibility. The committee was in agreement and set tentative dates for only 2 library programs in 2015. The dates will be finalized after Sarah reserves the library meeting rooms.

   Sarah also shared that Gene’s wife teaches at Sheridan Elementary School and the school has composting bins. He asked if our committee might like to use this as an additional site for programs to either youth or adults. The committee would like to meet with his wife at the school to see if this might be something we’d like to get involved with. We would also want to explore if this is for youth/adult or both. Sarah will check into dates for a meeting the Gene’s wife and get back with the committee via e-mail.

3. **Composting at Pioneers Park** – The committee was contacted via the Doodle Pole for signing up to turn and water the compost piles at Pioneer Park on a bi-weekly basis from May thru September. The calendar filled up quickly thanks to the prompt responses from the committee. Thank you so much! Cleo reported that the chiggers are attacking so
come prepared to fight them off with what every product you feel safe and comfortable using.

4. **Composting at the Children's Zoo** – Ike Fuenning of the LCZ reported that at this point they are no longer having educational composting bins at the zoo. Therefore, our committee is no longer involved at the zoo.

5. **Earth Wellness day(s)** – Dates have not been established yet for 2015. The Youth Education Committee will be in touch with the Compost Committee when more is finalized.

6. **Earth Day Festival** – Dates have not been established yet for 2015. The Youth Education Committee will be in touch with the Compost Committee when more is finalized.

7. **Lincoln Home & Garden Show, February 13-15, 2015** – The Compost Committee has been invited to take part in staffing the composting and re-cycling booth at the show. The commitment would be in two-hour increments with two volunteers each shift. Exhibitor passes would be provided. Hours would be Friday, February 13: 1:00-9:00 pm; Saturday, February 14: 10:00 am-8:00 pm; and Sunday: 10:00 am-5:00 pm. Sarah will contact Gene Hanlon for shift times. Look for a Doodle Pole in January 2015 to sign up for a time slot.

8. **Next Meeting** – during the Master Gardener Training in 2015 – date and time to be announced.

Shelley Forney, Co-Chair
Alice Baden, Co-Chair