

Eau Claire Area Master Gardener Volunteers Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 14, 2018, 1:00 P.M.
Eau Claire County Extension Office

In attendance: Mary Jane Griffin, Nina Logan, Paula Bonnin, Dick Lienhardt, Ede Strand, Carla Pelzl

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 1:06 P.M. by President Mary Jane Griffin.

Plant Sale Update: The proceeds from the plant sale were \$1,813.50. Some final bills have yet to be submitted, including the rent for the pavilion and the costs for advertising. It was estimated that our profit should be at least over \$1,500.00. Dick Lienhardt and Nina Logan were thanked for the large number of plants they donated. Dick said that vegetable and annual flower seedlings would sell better if the sale would be earlier, ideally in May. However, since we co-host the sale with the Hosta Society and hostas are ready for division a bit later, the sale date was chosen to accommodate both groups.

Treasurer's Report: Ede Strand

The book balance was \$9,788.09 as of May 10, 2018. Six \$50 scholarships will be paid out to the State Conference attendees who had applied. Ellen Terwilliger confirmed that the scholarships will be awarded to Gary Mathis, Dick Lienhardt, Mary Jane Griffin, JoAnn Clark, Andy Heren, and Carol Losey. Paula Bonnin moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Dick Lienhardt. The motion passed.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the May 10th Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as written. (Motion – Paula Bonnin; Second – Dick Lienhardt; motion passed)

Education Committee Report: Nina Logan

Upcoming meetings and presenters:

- July – A. J. Leiden – Aquatic Invasive Species
- July Garden Tours include a new garden in the Third Ward, and an established garden in the same area. Tour dates will be announced.
There will also be an opportunity to visit Dick Lienhardt's vegetable garden during the week of July 24 - 26. We were reminded the County Junior Fair is that same week at the Expo Center from July 25-29. The Ask a Master Gardener booth will be at the fair during that week.
- August – Master Gardener Volunteer Sherry Sprague will discuss use of native plants for pollinators and how to help pollinators, such as bees, survive over the winter.
- September – An opportunity to have an “End of Season” sharing session about our gardens - what worked and what didn't.
- October - A gentleman from Menomonie will talk about the garden project he facilitates for the jail inmates.

We were reminded that July 9th is the Early Bird registration deadline for the 2018 WIMGA State Conference being held in Eau Claire September 21-22.

Old Business:

The Teaching Garden needs a couple more volunteers to help fill out a watering schedule. We are also looking at ways to make it easier to water the garden without having to pull around a hundred feet of hose. There has also been a critter (likely a squirrel) digging holes in all the garden beds, so various deterrents are being considered.

New Business: Planning is underway for next winter's garden seminar. Volunteers interested in being involved can contact Nina for more information.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M. The next meeting is Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. at the County Extension building.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Pelzl, Secretary