

**Eau Claire Area Master Gardener Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 19, 2019, 1:00 PM
Eau Claire County Extension Office**

In attendance: Paula Bonnin, Ellen Terwilliger, Chris Southworth, Rita Gundry, Mary Jane Griffin
Dick Lienhardt, Ede Strand, Carla Pelzl

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Mary Jane Griffin at 1:05 PM.

Secretary's Report: Carla Pelzl

The minutes of the November 2019 Board Meeting were approved as written. Motion to approve – Ellen Terwilliger; Second – Paula Bonnin

Treasurer's Report: Ede Strand

Ede reported that Lori Kempen audited the books for 2018 and found all to be in good order. The Statement of Income and Expenses through December 12, 2019 was reviewed by the board and approved. Motion to approve – Paula Bonnin; Second – Dick Lienhardt. The board reviewed the treasurer's 2020 Budget Worksheet and determined the budget amounts for the new year. The estimated fund balance for 2019 was \$11,700.00.

Education Committee Report: Nina Logan, Lori Kempen

The Programs and Events to date for 2020 are:

- January 20 – Featured speaker - Eau Claire County Extension Cultural Coordinator who came to the United States from Sudan. He will discuss gardening and agriculture practices in his homeland.
- February 1 – Ready, Set, Go Winter Garden Seminar at CVTC
- February 15 – Chippewa County Think Spring Garden Seminar in Chippewa Falls
- March 16 – Larry Liegel will present information on Bluebirds
- May 31 – Annual Plant Sale at Phoenix Park Pavilion
- November 18 – Gardening with Incarcerated Populations – Bill Manning, Chippewa Co. MGV

WIMGA Update: Ellen Terwilliger

Ellen mentioned that Mike Maddox suggested each MGV chapter donate \$50 to the WIMGA Foundation. These funds support approved WIMGA grant proposals. Ellen moved that the Eau Claire MGV association make a \$50 donation to the Foundation. Second – Chris Southworth.

Digger's Award: Mary Jane Griffin

The 2019 Digger's Award will go to Susan Haerle Merten.

New Business:

- Member in Good Standing cards - For 2019, MGV's who have completed the service requirements and paid their dues can fill in the hours on their own card. Next year the cards will be imprinted with "Member In Good Standing" only; MGVs will be able to access their total service hours from the online record.
- January 9, 2020 – We will meet at 12:30 PM at the Extension Office. We will begin with a Pizza Lunch followed by the Board Meeting and an Orientation for new board members. Outgoing officers are asked to make themselves available to new officers for consultation as needed.

New Business cont.

-Motion by Mary Jane Griffin to adjourn the meeting; second – Ellen Terwilliger. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Pelzl, Secretary