

Eau Claire Area Master Gardeners Board Meeting Meeting Minutes, 12 pm, October 8, 2020

Attending: Ellen T., Louise White-Roach, Chris S., Margaret M., Andy H., Nancy S., Rita G.

| Item | Discussion Points | |
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| Call to Order | Meeting called to order by President Ellen T. @12:00 p.m. | |
| Approval/Correction of Minutes | <p>Please review ahead and have corrections ready to note</p> <p>Chris S. made a motion to accept the September minutes, seconded by Louise White-Roach. All in favor, motion carried.</p> | |
| Treasurer's Report & Financials | <p>Please review ahead of time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of Budget <p>Rita G. made a motion to approve the September treasurer's report, seconded by Louise White-Roach.</p> <p>Regarding our budget, it was suggested spending only minimum. However, it is flexible and we can revisit if COVID19 improves and we have a plant sale, etc. We discussed reducing \$500 CVTC scholarships from two to one award. Our annual February conference will be online and seminars are free, but we could ask for donations. Margaret M. stated we can charge for online courses.</p> <p>Chris S. needs prior years' treasurer's reports. Margaret M. will contact Ede Strand to see if she can get the required information to Chris S.</p> <p>Andy H. made a motion to approve the 2021 Budget, seconded by Rita G. Motion carried.</p> | |

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| <p>Education Report</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret update • October Zoom Education – Becky Gutzman • November Zoom – Winter Tree Identification • Assessment Email results and future Education • February Planning - Need a group to help <p>Margaret M. gave an update on the mentoring process, thus far. Diane Alfuth and Margaret M. would conduct an 8 week ZOOM class, every Monday night. Approximately 30 people could attend, half from counties Margaret M. serves. No fee and classes would be recorded for viewing later. Reach out to new members as a group, better as a growth team. For all four counties Margaret M. serves, she will e-mail more information on this approach and will consider the feedback.</p> <p>Becky Gutzman will present on Food Preservation, October 19, via ZOOM. Jim Schwiebert from Beaver Creek Reserve, will talk on Winter Tree ID, Monday, November 3, via ZOOM. Our December meeting, scheduled for December 7th, is being planned with holiday activities.</p> <p>Margaret M. is open to MGVs calling her regarding policy changes within our organization.</p> <p>Andy H. sent an e-mail to MGVs regarding their favorite topics for future education. Approximately six people responded.</p> <p>Ellen T. agreed to keep working on education after she is off the board. Lori Kempen is unable to continue working in this capacity. Andy H. will help Ellen T. with February seminar online. Chippewa County may partner with our organization for this event.</p> | |
| <p>WIMGA Update</p> | <p>Andy Andy H. has not heard anything from WIMGA recently.</p> | |
| <p>SOPs</p> | <p>Discussion and vote for acceptance</p> <p>Ellen T. did a great job working on SOPs and this will be very helpful to the board in the future. This document will</p> | |

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| | | be posted to MGV website for everyone's perusal. Louise White-Roach made a motion to accept SOPs and Rita G. seconded it. Motion carried. | |
| | Digger Award | Review past recipients – discuss this year After a short discussion, the board voted on the Digger Award recipient for 2020. It will be announced at the December meeting. | |
| | Nominating Committee | Report Ellen T. and Rita G. announced the candidates for the Board of Directors. Post card ballots will go out by USPS and there will be online voting, via e-mail, as well. Thirty days' notice will be given. | |
| | Website Scavenger | Suggestion by Margaret Pick out 7-10 items from MGV website, assign a point to each, with the highest points winning a prize. More discussion to follow at November meeting. Perhaps, have board members take the challenge to see how easy or hard this would be. Louise White-Roach volunteered to pick out 10 items for Board of Directors to find and get back to Ellen T. with results. | |
| | Membership Cards | Who has them – help with filling in? MGV membership cards may be picked up at the county office for anyone who desires them. | |
| | Next Meeting | November 12th. 12:00 Noon Zoom meeting | |
| | Adjourn | Motion made by Louise White-Roach to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nancy S. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. Thanks to Margaret M. for joining us today. | |

Rita Gundry, Secretary