

Eau Claire Area Master Gardener Volunteer Association

Board Meeting Minutes - August 8, 2019

Eau Claire County Extension Office

In attendance: Mary Jane Griffin, Dick Lienhardt, Rita Gundry, Chris Southworth, Ellen Terwilliger, Ede Strand, Nancy Spak

Call to order: President Mary Jane Griffin called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the July board meeting were reviewed. Ellen Terwilliger moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Dick Lienhardt.

Treasurer's Report: Ede Strand distributed the Statement of Income and Expenses. Ellen Terwilliger made a motion to approve the Statement of Income and Expenses and Dick Lienhardt seconded it. Motion carried.

WIMGA Report: Ellen Terwilliger reports no news. A discussion was held regarding the Leadership Conferences being held in three cities, including Eau Claire on September 20th, Wausau on September 12th and Madison on September 14th. These conferences are in lieu of the annual conference. MGVs are encouraged to attend this training. Registration information included in the July 2019 WIMGA Newsletter-deadline for registering is September 1, 2019. The WIMGA annual meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2019 at UW-Stevens Point.

TEACHING GARDEN: Plans are well underway to host a Neighborhood Event in Altoona on Tuesday, August 27, with August 28 as the rain date, using produce raised at the Teaching Gardens. Ellen Terwilliger has designed the flyer, which will be distributed in public places such as the Altoona Public Library and the U.S. Post Office and throughout the neighborhood. The menu includes salsa/chips, caprese balls, pesto/pita chips, fried green tomatoes, coleslaw with vinegar dressing, fresh vegetables/dip, chicken shish-ka-bobs, watermelon, cucumber-mint infused ice water and background music to round out the event. We are planning for 50-60 attendees. Help is still needed for watering at the Teaching Gardens. Ede Strand volunteered to water on August 19th. A suggestion was given to engage the help of 4-H members with maintaining the Teaching Gardens for 2020.

PLANT SALE: The final Plant Sale net income for 2019 is very favorable at \$2,751.45. To keep this trend going, we need plants from every MG. Ellen Terwilliger would have a notable amount of plants available for 2020 and MGs having a limited supply of their own, could help dig out and pot plants at Ellen's gardens, take them home and care for them until the sale. Dick Lienhardt has announced he may not be raising plants for the 2020 sale, but may consider planting some if others could adopt them. The Plant Sale date for 2020 is not confirmed yet.

September is when the scheduling can begin. We are hoping for no later than the first weekend in June.

OLD BUSINESS: The online system for reporting volunteer and educational hours is now available and hours are due by October 1, 2019.

Nancy Spak made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM. Our next meeting is Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the County Extension Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Gundry for Carla Pelzl, Secretary