

**Eau Claire Area Master Gardener Volunteer Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 14, 2019
Eau Claire County Extension Office**

In attendance: Dick Lienhardt, Paula Bonnin, Ellen Terwilliger, Ede Strand, Carla Pelzl

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 1:15 P.M. by Vice-President Dick Lienhardt.

New MGV website: Ellen Terwilliger has been working on an updated website for the association. It will be accessed through wix.com rather than through weebly. Ellen demonstrated the new website for our group and asked if we felt ready to move ahead with the project. Paula Bonnin moved that our association should move ahead with the new website after confirming the annual cost, which Ellen said would be around \$160.00. The motion was seconded by Dick L. and passed. Ellen will establish a committee to review the site and help determine what should be included. She will also train several MGV's so they can help with keeping the site updated (the newsletter editor, the secretary so minutes can be posted, and Sue Merten to help Ellen with managing the website).

Plant Sale: The sale will be Sunday, June 9, 2019, at the Phoenix Park pavilion. Ede Strand has reserved the pavilion. She will check with the Hosta Society regarding sharing of the rental fee and other details. There was discussion about the need to contact our members to encourage them to commit to donating more plants (maybe 20 plants rather than just a couple).

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed and accepted as corrected. The correction was made to the information under the WIMGA Report. The statement that "there will no longer be annual state-wide Master Gardener conferences planned" was corrected to read that "this year (2019) there will not be a state-wide Master Gardener conference planned."

Treasurer's Report: Ede Strand

- Ede presented the December 31, 2018 Statement of Income and Expenses worksheet. Ellen Terwilliger moved that the report be accepted as is; seconded by Paula Bonnin. Motion passed.
- Ede provided updates on February deposits and expenses from the seminar.
- The Budget Worksheet for 2019 was distributed to the five board members in attendance. It was decided to delay completion of the 2019 Budget until our March meeting when more board members can be present.
- Ede reported that she was able to get new checks issued for our organization, but that the IRS still needed confirmation that we are the same organization still tied to the same Federal IRS number.
- Lori Kempen will meet with Ede to audit the books.

Paula Bonnin moved that we approve the Treasurer's report; seconded by Dick. Motion passed.

New Regional Horticultural Coordinator position has been posted. We do not know when it will be filled.

Education Committee Report: There was no new information regarding upcoming education programs. We will check with Nina Logan and Lori Kempen about what is planned for the March Educational meeting. We also need to find out from Nancy Spak if we are co-hosting the Eau Claire Garden Club March meeting on the topic of "Hydrangeas".

WIMGA Report: Ellen Terwilliger had nothing new to report from the state organization.

MGA Member Volunteer Opportunities: There is a need to organize volunteer projects for the upcoming gardening season. Ellen suggested that we spend part of a monthly Education meeting reviewing our volunteer requirements and the list of approved volunteer opportunities for our members. She will contact Lori Kempen to see how volunteers were solicited in the past. Ellen also suggested conducting a survey of our members asking what projects they are interested in and would help with. Responses from the survey would help us determine what volunteer projects our association can continue to support. Then a list of our approved projects can be sent out to our members.

Adjournment: Ellen moved that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Dick. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Pelzl, Secretary