

Eau Claire Area Master Gardeners Board Meeting Minutes, 12 pm, August 13, 2020

Attending: Ellen T., Margaret M., Paula B., Louise W-R., Jeannie C., Nancy S., Chris S., Andy H., Rita G.

Item	Discussion Points
Call to Order	Meeting called to order by Pres. Ellen T. at 12:00 p.m.
Approval/Correction of Minutes	<p>Please review ahead and have corrections ready to note</p> <p>Paula B. made a motion to accept the July minutes, seconded by Louise W-R. Motion carried.</p>
Treasurer’s Report & Financials	<p>Please review ahead of time.</p> <p>Rita G. made a motion to approve and accept the treasurer’s report, seconded by Nancy S. Motion carried.</p>
Education Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden Club involvement? Request by Nancy Spak • Shared Zoom account with Garden Club & Master Gardeners • August Sept. meetings set. Still need more participants Aug • Porch Pot Status? Paula • Oct. Nov. Dec. meetings Nina Lori willing to help. • Survey of members Ellen to draft with Nina/Loria • Feb Line – up <p>Nancy S. suggested we combine our educational ZOOM meetings with the Eau Claire Garden Club since there is an overlap in membership, thereby, splitting the cost of speakers. Margaret M. reported the state has new guidelines for speakers for our educational meetings. Following a discussion, Nancy S. made a motion ECAMGV and Eau Claire Garden Club combine ZOOM educational meetings during the COVID-19 crisis, splitting the cost of speakers and the ZOOM membership, which would keep membership stable and help both clubs remain active. This action would be renewed, annually. Paula B. seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p> <p>Paula B. reported Mays Floral is not interested in conducting a ZOOM porch pot class for ECAMGV since they already have an annual porch pot class in the fall, which is open to the public. Jeannie C. offered to contact Klinger’s Farm Market, Christiansen Florist & Greenhouse and Green Oasis Garden Center to see if they might be interested in an educational ZOOM meeting.</p> <p>Ellen T. reported she has 40 slides so far for our August educational ZOOM meeting. Jeannie C. will be presenting on bulb planting in September and it was suggested this information be included in the September newsletter. The subject for October educational ZOOM meeting is still open. Andy H. will contact Gary M. and perhaps they will give tips on growing garlic.</p> <p>Will our annual December meeting be via ZOOM? It could include a game of sorts, board nominations, Photo Contest and Digger Award information.</p>

	Ellen T. agreed to send out a list of different speaker topics and ask MGV members to indicate their preference. We need a board nominating committee by September. Ellen volunteered to help with that. Present board members whose terms are not expiring are asked to consider whether or not they will remain on the board if proposed by-law change goes into effect , from a 2-year to a 3-year term.
WIMGA Update	Board meeting is coming soon....will be looking for a director.
By-Laws	Next step Deadline for MGVs to respond to changes in by-laws is August 21, 2020. Voting will follow.
SOPs	Review draft that Paula sent out and have recommendations ready for discussion A lengthy discussion was held concerning the SOP contributions from board members. Please send any changes to Paula B. Scholarships and Awards need to be added. Chris volunteered to compose a list of members and the standing committee they are serving on.
Other Business	No other business.
Next Meeting	We need to have an organization credit card. Chris S. will look into this matter. Might we consider increasing our dues next year? Current dues are Eau Claire County \$15 and State of WI \$5. Thanks to Margaret M. for joining us today. Jeannie C. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andy H. seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m. Next meeting is Thursday, September 10, at 12:00 p.m.

Rita Gundry, Secretary