

## **ECMGV Board Meeting**

**March 10, 2022**

### **Eau Claire Master Gardeners Board Meeting**

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Present: Chris S., Jeannie C., Judy M., Andy H., Louise W-R., Barb H (via Zoom), and Margaret M.(via Zoom)

Call to order: 4:05pm

Minutes: Approved as presented by Chris S. and seconded by Judy M.

Financials: Approved as presented by Louise W-R, and seconded by Andy H.

Comments made about the fact that both the Education and Membership committees are doing well. Education events are in place for the foreseeable future. If MG's attend all events they will complete their 10 hours of education needed.

Membership has some events planned that probably won't count as education, but will make an impact as social gatherings, which is important as well to keep our members happy! There is a meeting scheduled for April 12, at 2 pm at Chris S.'s home.

Plant Sale: Again, this event, held on May 22, will be shared by the Hosta Society, Eau Claire Garden Club, and the Master Gardeners Association. Conversation held on seed planting and it would be helpful to know exactly what seed varieties will be available.

There is also a meeting planned for Monday, March 21 at Sue Waits church on Golf Road, starting at 6:30 pm. Projects will be explained and computer help will be available. This would be an excellent time for new members to come and find out what they need to know about all the changes taking place. Barb H. will be contacting Beaver Creek to make sure they are represented at the meeting.

Growing Together: To be held on Saturday, March 12, via Zoom. There are quite enough MG registered to pay our presenters. (In retrospect, there were close to 100 viewers on Saturday for each session A very well-received presentation.)

Jeannie suggested having a list of events coming up and posted on bulletin boards to make it easier to keep things in order, especially for overwhelmed MG's. It was also commented on that the "Meet a Master Gardener" is going well, and folks are pleased to get asked to participate. We also touched on the fact that many of our former members who have been active in the past but no longer able to participate should be contacted, if for no other reason than to know that they haven't been forgotten.

Radio Program: Margaret is planning each month, and topics are set through August. Andy explained that presenters can go to the studio before the broadcast to "scope it out" before the date. He commented on the fact that there is an actual "script" in place to keep the program going. And if there are enough presenters interested, this could happen twice a month. So far, it is happening on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30 am at WAYS.

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Horticulture: There is a need for us to track the progress of our projects, to see how much time is needed and how much progress is made. This will make planning in the future more realistic. We are also working toward environmental stewardship. Our efforts should have meaning and a goal. Louise commented on the fact that there is a city-wide group beginning called "Caring for Our Common World". It's starting in various churches, and perhaps this would be a vehicle for the MG to get involved with the environment and its protection.

Also, because one of our most important goals is educating our community, we need to plan our lessons carefully, noting who, exactly, we're trying to reach.

Ellen T. shared an email regarding a city-wide project possibility and wondering if the MG's would be willing to be a part of this. One of the prospective plans is a botanical garden, both indoor and outdoor. Exciting! Concerns were voiced about how much time this would mean for us, but once conversations got rolling and the possibilities arose, we agreed that we would be willing to get on board this exciting possibility. Jeannie C. shared some information on her sister's historical garden in Oregon to give us an idea of what could be involved.

There was also conversation about helping plant around the new Library when it's finished. Involving other groups, like the Hosta Society and the Garden Club was also discussed.

Adjournment: Andy made a motion to adjourn at 5 pm and Louise seconded the motion.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, April 14 at 4 pm** at the Extension Office.