

Eau Claire Master Gardener Board Meeting Minutes: March 11, 12 noon, via Zoom

Attending: Andy H., Barb H., Judy M., Margaret M., Chris S., Ellen T., Louise W-R.

Absent: Jeannie C.(due to work conflicts)

Item	Discussion Points
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 12 noon by Andy
Approval/Correction of Minutes	Minutes were approved by Barb H. and seconded by Judy.
Financial Report	Motion made to approve by Louise W, and seconded by Judy. Andy, who was called away by a customer, was absent from these approvals.
Education Report	<p>Ellen presented the board with the plan for the rest of the coming year, and will pass the following to Carol Cox for publication in the newsletter.</p> <p>April 19: Becky Gutzman: composting May 17: still open June 21: Eli Gottfried: hydroponic gardening July19: MGV presenter on shrubs or trees Aug. 16: Dr. Nora Mitchell: Native sunflower research. Sept. 20: Diana Alfuth: Prairies and Natives October 18: Possible presentation by Ellen and Judy on Children's gardens. Nov. 22: Dr. Christine Belling: University Greenhouse.(Touring, if possible.) Dec. 6: Annual Meeting and holiday party. (Note change of date.)</p> <p>Many thanks to Ellen for all of her passion for the continued education of all of us!</p>
Seminar Update	<p>Chris has all the information she needs to pass on the profits of this extended seminar. It has exceeded expectations and all the counties will receive a portion of the profits. We had 320 registered! It was noted that with the virtual model, we were able to procure speakers that otherwise wouldn't have been available. Also noted that collaboration with other counties made the whole process easier and we may, in future, partner with Chippewa County for future seminars. Excellent idea!</p>
Web posting	Ellen will meet with Judy and Andy on a one-on-one meeting to learn about posting on the website. Thus far, Carol Cox has password access to the site because of her

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	work on the newsletter.
Regional Update	Margaret reports that the onboarding/mentoring process is going well. Mentors will be assigned mentees in April.
Project Evaluation	This is still not written in stone. Thus far, we will stick with what we have until Madison tells us differently. There is concern about communication between the Board and the MGV about what is acceptable as projects. The main objective for projects is whatever is best for our program. Margaret will check with Mike Maddox about project suggestions, based on a survey sent in the past. Judy suggested that we need to have project leaders present their "case" to us to determine it's merits, and open it to discussion. Good idea. There was talk about the teaching garden and having Chris Nelson come back to it's leadership. If she isn't able to, then Andy will handle it. We'll evaluate at our April meeting. Also, talk about repairing winter damage to the various gardens.
New business	Chris S. thinks that the by-laws could be approved by the board member. She will update current information on members.
Next meeting	Thursday, April 8, at noon, via Zoom
Adjournment	Motion made by Barb, and seconded by Judy