

June Minutes: Eau Claire Master Gardeners Board Meeting: June 10, 2021

Attending: Judy M., Chris S., Jeannie C., Louise R., Andy H., Barb Hl. Margaret M., (via Zoom)

Item	Discussion Points
	<p>Jeannie and Chris both reported that “Thank You’s” were received from CVTC for the scholarship money, and from the Youth Garden and Chippewa Museum for donations.</p>
Call to order	Called to order at noon.
Approval/Correction of Minutes	Motion made to approve by Andy, and 2nd by Chris.
Treasurer’s Report/ Financials	Motion made to approve by Louise and 2nd by Jeannie.
Education	<p>June 21, via Zoom, Hydroponic Gardening. Andy pointed out that this can be done on a smaller scale, thus making it more usable for “normal” gardeners.</p> <p>The July program will consist of MGV photos. August Plant Sale/Education event to be held at the Phoenix Park Pavilion.</p> <p>September meeting: discussion engaged as to where it will happen. Via Zoom? Until we can find a larger venue, Zoom will probably be it. The extension space is too small to safely accommodate our group, and we would like to meet in person for our December holiday meeting. Chris and Andy will explore options for this and for in the future.</p>
Projects	<p>The Youth Garden will host the Boys and Girls Club 3 times a week, although there is a need to know how many at a time, due to Covid restrictions. The kids will be divided into 3 groups: one in the garden, another in the pavilion, and the other in the playground. There are, currently, enough volunteers, though Judy wouldn’t mind if she didn’t have to be there every day. Perhaps ask the new MGV to come “observe”..</p> <p>Farm Tech: Margaret noted that more volunteers are needed at the MGV table, especially on Thursday afternoon. (Event held July 20-22) Set-up is on the 19th. We are asked to provide pots of</p>

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	<p>plants/herbs/veggies/flowers. It was also noted that we need to keep track of what we need, due to Covid restrictions for future events. (hand sanitizers, wipes, water. Tablecloths, canopies, etc...)</p> <p>4-H Fair: Jeannie is working with Rachel to prepare for this. Jeannie will work with her calendar to plant seeds, noting the plant growth cycle. There will be seeds sent home in tiny bags.</p> <p>Teaching garden: Folks are adopting beds. Apparently, this was a well-received idea!</p> <p>Fall Plant Sale: The date is set for Monday, August 30 at the Phoenix Park Pavilion, from 6-8 pm with set-up and clean-up before and after. We're going with an informal educational model, with presenters answering questions as needed. Louise will do house plant health, Jeannie will tackle bulb planting, Cindy will do invasives, Andy on collecting heirloom seeds. Jeannie will ask for volunteers at the next Zoom meeting, and we hope for folks to step up to take the lead on things to organize, like getting tables, doing some advertising, etc...</p>
Regional Update	<p>Margaret had sent out the new Covid guidelines for gathering and noted that it's good to be able to gather, even if it's in smaller groups.</p> <p>Judy and Chris have stepped up to organize a house-plant re-potting session on July 31, at 9am at River Prairie pavilion C. They have asked Margaret to provide contact info so that we can include all the new mentees.</p>
Old business	None
New business	We have plenty on our plates...
Next meeting:	Thursday, July 8 at noon. Motion was made to adjourn and was carried.

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