

Eau Claire Master Gardener Board Meeting. Thursday, November 11, 2021

Present: Jeannie C., Judy J., Louise W-R, Andy H.,

Margaret M., Barb H., via phone.

Absent: Chris S.

Item	Discussion Points
Call to order	12 noon
Approval/Correction of minutes	Approved by Andy, 2nd by Jeannie
Treasurer's Report/Financials	Approved by Judy, 2nd by Louise
Budget update	A special meeting was held with Jeannie, Chris, Louise, and Judy to decide on the upcoming budget year. After much discussion and looking at past records, it was decided that we would hopefully have an income of \$3410, which includes the plant sale and dues. Also, looking at the past records, expenses and outgo was figured, including project expenses, donations, and grants, miscellaneous expenses. Some decisions were made on scholarships, and it was decided that we will forego the scholarships to CVTC, and use funds for Master Gardener students, especially since it costs more to finish the courses. After all the computation, we will, hopefully, come in under budget. The budget was approved as written.
Special meeting	There is a video put out from Madison, explaining the reorganization of the Master Gardener Program. There was a meeting prior to this, hoping to find our way to knowing how we relate to Extension and Madison. While the video explained some of the concerns, we still have a ways to go.
Education	November: touring the UW Greenhouse December: yearly meeting and holiday party January: Growing mushrooms February: Dealing with buckthorn. March: TBD April: Tropicals with Nora Mitchell.
Zoom account	Chris S. will be approached about securing a Zoom account, or how to make it financially usable for the MG's.
Project Updates	In making the budget, many projects weren't heard from, so they won't have a place in the

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Spring Plant Sale	We are in partnership with the Hosta Society for this. No date set at this time.
Board Nominations	Postcards will be sent to members for voting and results will be announced at the December meeting.
Digger Award	2 candidates were nominated and the winner will also be announced at the December meeting.
Regional Update	Margaret prepared an organizational chart. Community events, like the Farmer's Market "Ask a Gardener" will be under the Extension 'umbrella"
WIMGA update	The discussion was led by Andy on what it does for the local MGV. It links local groups with Madison, provides a newsletter, grants to projects, supports "Garden Talk" on Public Radio, offers an annual regional conference, and educational seminars.
Old business	A holiday party will be held at St. James the Greater Catholic Church on December 6, starting with a social gathering at 6 pm and the business meeting beginning at 6:30. Due to COVID, there will not be a potluck, but cookies and hot cocoa will be offered
Next meeting/time	It was decided that a time change was needed, so our next meeting will be on Thursday, December 9 at 4 pm at the Extension Office.
Adjournment	Motion made by Louise and 2nd by Judy.