

April Minutes: Eau Claire Master Gardener Board Meeting: April 8, 2021-via Zoom

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

Item	Discussion Points
Call to order	Called to order at 12noon by Jeannie
Approval/Correction of Minutes	Motion made to approve meeting by Andy, and 2nd by Chris.
Treasurer's report/Financials	Interim checks still going out to other counties for their part in the seminar, but motion made to approve by Barb, seconded by Louise
Education Report and needs request	With Ellen's absence, Judy has graciously agreed to take over for now. Programs are in place for April and May, and Andy gets the info out to MG.
Seminar Update	After the dust settled, it was found that the whole endeavor flowed smoothly, both with registration and technically. The surveys following each has been gathered and there was talk about finding a "data/numbers" person to tabulate and prepare a final report for Margaret to relay to the counties.
Regional Update	Regarding upcoming projects, it was decided that any project that was approved for last year will be okay again for this year. If something new comes up, a chat with Margaret will determine whether or not it's feasible. The teaching garden is "go" as is the Museum and children's garden. Numbers for the children's garden will be less, and the Boys and Girls Club will need to send fewer children at a time due to Covid. Some spruce-up is needed at various spots. Judy will generate a work schedule for the teaching garden and get it to Andy for publication. Still not sure if Chris Nelson is on board, and if not Andy will take that responsibility on. It was determined that MG can bring family on board to help if it's a MG project. Numbers not to exceed 20, and all at appropriate distancing.
Mentoring Update	The meeting to join mentors with mentees will happen on Tuesday, April 13 at 3pm. There are 10 new MG's and that means that the ratio will possibly be one on one! The newbies are anxious to begin.

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Proposed board action items for 2021	Farm Technology Day is set for the end of July. There will be separate tents set up rather than one large, to alleviate large gatherings of folks. It is possible that Chippewa and Dunn Counties will also participate as well. Provide some pots?
WIMGA update	Nothing new to share at this time.
New business	We will again donate \$100 to the Fair for awards and such. Andy made the motion to do this and July 2nd. That's less than last year, as we have no funds coming in except dues, which generated conversation about various fundraisers that could be facilitated. The conversation will continue next month.
Next meeting	Thursday, May 13 IN PERSON at noon, at the Extension Office!!!!
Adjourn	Motion made to adjourn by Chris S, and 2nd by Barb at 12:35pm