

**+Eau Claire Area Master Gardeners Board Meeting Minutes. 12 pm, December 11, 2020**

**Attending: Ellen T., Andy H., Jeannie C., Louise W-R., Margaret M., Chris S., Rita G.**

Item	Discussion Points
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 12:00 noon, by President, Ellen T.
Approval/Correction of Minutes	Please review ahead and have corrections ready to note Jeannie C. made a motion to approve the minutes, Chris S. seconded it. All approved.
Treasurer's Report & Financials	Please review ahead of time. Chris requested someone to audit the finances from 2020. Jeannie C. volunteered to audit. Andy H. made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, with Louise W-R seconding it.
Horticulture Update	<p>Change in Status and Update</p> <p>Polk county voted to defund Horticulture Position, leaving Margaret M. at 75%. Polk Co. MGVs have to join another group as they must have extension staff support or they have to disband. What do we do to safeguard our own county? It will help if we provide education to key population, children and seniors, and focus on rural areas in the county. There's a chance Polk Co. may rejoin, or another county may pick up the 25%.</p> <p>Mentoring-Margaret M. will send out an outline next week, online training only. How do we get locals interested in onboarding class?</p> <p>Andy to send out e-mail if MGVs need help posting hours. MGVs could send Margaret M. date/hours for her to enter them.</p> <p>We discussed non-payment of dues and decided personal contact is best to remind those in arrears.</p> <p>Six counties are banding together to support the WESTERN WI 2021 SPRING GARDEN SEMINAR, which will take place the following Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-12 noon-February 20 and 27, March 6 and 13. There will be a \$10 registration fee. Once registration is paid, you will be sent the ZOOM link. You may pay by check or credit card</p>

Education Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January</li> <li>• February/ March Planning – Update</li> </ul> <p>Ellen T. will continue working with education meetings after her board term is finished.</p> <p>January education meeting will be Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. with siblings Larry Liegel and Rita Gundry presenting on The Eastern Bluebird.</p>	
Shared Drive for our documents	<p>Share screen to show a location where we can store our documents</p> <p>Ellen T. led the discussion about storing documents for our association. We have a g-mail account with our website, shared drive space to store minutes and financial information. We briefly discussed where to store the association’s checkbook, and decided the best location would be the county office.</p>	
WIMGA Update	<p>Andy</p> <p>There were 175 in attendance at the annual meeting on December 3, which included a presentation on using ZOOM.</p> <p>WIMGA is looking for a Western District Representative.</p>	
Manual Update for 2021	Progress?	
Digger Award	<p>Establishing criteria &amp; who should be involved in making decision. Nominations by membership based on things like project leadership, longstanding service, above &amp; beyond etc. Plan for 2021 discussion</p> <p>Nominations could be from anyone in our group, with board looking over the names or have a committee perform that task.</p>	
New Board Members	<p>Personal Call and Invite to Barb and Judy – confirm attendance at January meeting. Longer January meeting</p> <p>Andy H. will call Judy Mitchell and Barb Huggins, welcoming them to the Board of Directors and tell them when they may pick up their folders at the county office.</p>	
Next Meeting	January 8, Noon to ?	
Adjourn	<p>Andy H. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jeannie C. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m. Thanks to Margaret M. for joining us today.</p>	

Rita Gundry, Secretary