

Eau Claire County Eau Claire Area Master Gardener Volunteer Association

Board Meeting Minutes-September 12, 2019

Eau Claire County Extension Office

In Attendance: Mary Jane Griffin, Chris Southworth, Paula Bonnin, Ellen Terwilliger, Rita Gundry

Call to Order: President Mary Jane Griffin called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the August board meeting were reviewed. Ellen Terwilliger moved the minutes be approved as written, all accepted. Mary Jane Griffin noted she has not received a final copy of the by-laws for our organization. Ellen Terwilliger will look into that matter and agreed they should be posted on our website. We anticipate an upcoming election of four new board members, creating a total turnover of officers. Ellen Terwilliger will make an announcement concerning this at our monthly meeting, Monday, September 16, 2019. A slate of potential board members should be available by our October meeting, voting to take place during November, and installation at our December meeting. To put new board members at ease, Ellen Terwilliger suggested starting an orientation program for them. Chris Southworth and Paula Bonnin will work with Ellen Terwilliger to this end.

Treasurer's Report: Report was distributed-no activity since previous month's statement. Due to increased fees with our current account at Associated Bank, we have the option of switching our account to RCU, which incurs no extra fees. Ellen Terwilliger made a motion to change the account to RCU and Paula Bonnin seconded it. Motion carried.

Education Program Committee: On November 18, 2019, Bill Manning will speak on Gardening with the Incarcerated Population.

WIMGA Update: Ellen Terwilliger reminded our group about the Star Training coming up on Friday, September 20, 2019.

Old Business:

-Ellen Terwilliger reported our keynote speaker for the Winter Garden Seminar on February 1, 2020 is Bonnie Blodgett, a humorist and all-around knowledgeable individual.

-The Munch & Learn attracted approximately 35 people. If we choose to do this again, we need better advertising. Perhaps focus on Altoona—churches, schools, homeless. Limit selections to 5 or 6 types of food.

New Business:

- MGV Photo Contest entries are due to Carol Cox by October 7, 2019. Details in September newsletter.

-MGV dues are due when volunteer hours are submitted. Next year, online dues payment to County Extension Office.

-Hosta Society invited us to their meeting on Sunday, October 13, 2019 in Menomonie at Mayo Clinic Health System –Red Cedar Facility—park on north side of loading dock and enter outdoor stairs/ramp. Speaker will be Mike Shadrack on “Eight English Gardens”.

-We discussed compiling a directory of all MGV’s in our chapter to ease contacting one another. This list would be password protected.

-Ellen Terwilliger suggested having a mentor for new MGVs.

Paula Bonnin made a motion to adjourn with Ellen Terwilliger seconding it at 1:47 PM. Our next meeting is Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the County Extension Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Gundry for Carla Pelzl, Secretary