

Eau Claire Area Master Gardener Volunteer Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 13, 2018
Eau Claire County Extension Office

In attendance: Paula Bonnin, Dick Lienhardt, Mary Jane Griffin, Ede Strand, Nina Logan, Lori Kempen, Ellen Terwilliger, Carla Pelzl

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Mary Jane Griffin at 1:10 PM.

Secretary's Report: Carla Pelzl

The minutes of August 9th were approved as written. (Motion – Ellen Terwilliger; Second – Paula Bonnin)

Treasurer's Report – Ede Strand

Ede is working on our association's non-profit status (501 3-C). Our book balance, as of 9/13/2018, was \$9744.70. The report was approved.

Horticulture Program Coordinator position: Extension Director Catherine Emmanuelle has reported that all four counties under her direction (Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire and Polk) have approved the new position will share the cost.

Education Committee Report: Lori Kempen and Nina Logan

The October speaker is yet to be determined. Photo Contest entries are due by October 7th. Results of the election for Board of Director positions will be announced at the November 19th meeting. Our presenter for that meeting will be a representative from Just Local Foods.

WIMGA Report: Ellen Terwilliger

Preparations for the Wisconsin Master Gardener State Conference are on target. Door prizes are all set. All speakers are lined up. Registrations should end up around 230-240. WIMGA will get half of the proceeds, and the counties hosting the conference will share the remainder. The committee will evaluate the conference and put together a summary with suggestions for future consideration.

Old Business:

- Winter Seminar update: Nina and Lori

The committee is still working on a keynote speaker. Other possible presenters and topics are A.J. Leiden (Aquatic Invasives), Larry Bennett (Raptors), Ben from Down to Earth garden center (New Plants for 2019), and Dick Lienhardt (Vegetables). The committee meets again in one week.

New Business:

- Jerry Clark will conduct a training class for new master gardeners beginning September 18.

- The election to fill open board positions will take place in November. The slate of candidates will be published in the November newsletter. Balloting will be done by mail and results will be announced at the holiday party in December.

- Our MG service hours are due by September 30th.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM, (Motion – Ellen T, Second – Paula B.) The next meeting is **October 11th at 1:00 PM** at the Extension Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Pelzl, Secretary

