

**Eau Claire Area Master Gardener Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 10, 2017
Extension Office
6:30PM**

In attendance: Nancy Spak, Nina Logan, Lori Kempen, Ellen Terwilliger, Mary Jane Griffin, Ede Strand, Dick Lienhardt, Carla Pelzl, Erin LaFaive

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by President Mary Jane Griffin

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as written. (Motion to approve, Ellen Terwilliger; seconded by Dick Lienhardt)

Horticulture Educator's Report: Erin LaFaive

- Statewide reorganization of Extension: It is still unknown whether there might be more changes beyond those already determined. There are some unfilled positions; whether they will be filled depends on funding. Chippewa county also has unfilled positions, and Chippewa, Dunn and Eau Claire counties have no 4-H positions filled. Erin will wait until changes are completed before scheduling the next training class for new MG volunteers.
- There is one week left in this season's Youth Garden program. The Youth Garden has experienced vandalism again lately.
- Erin will attend a program hosted by the United Plant Savers organization.
- Representatives from Earthbound Environmental Services organic recycling business will attend our next board meeting to see if we are interested in partnering with them on their upcoming Earth Event.

Treasurer's Report – Ede Strand

Ede reported a balance of \$11,096.70 as of July 13th. The report was accepted. (Motion by Nancy Spak; seconded by Lori Kempen)

Education Committee Report: Nina Logan, Lori Kempen

Upcoming monthly meetings:

- August 21st – Drew Kaiser will discuss Beekeeping
- September – Harvest potluck and sharing of members' gardening experiences this season
- October – Kelly from Down to Earth Garden Center will discuss Houseplant Care.
- November 20th – Ellen Terwilliger's trip to Costa Rica

Dick Lienhardt was thanked for giving a tour of his amazing vegetable garden. The Southside Community Garden will not be hosting a tour this season.

WIMGA Representative's Report – Ellen Terwilliger

- Ellen will attend the 2017 WIMGA State Conference in West Bend October 13-14. The conference will have a prairie and native plant focus.
- The WIMGA website has been experiencing some performance difficulties.
- Planning for the 2018 State Conference is coming along well. 184 people responded to the survey that was sent out to give master gardener volunteers an opportunity to have some input regarding the conference. Nancy Spak and Ellen met with their conference planning group via skype. Nancy will work with the planning committee from St. Croix county. Ellen will be working on publicity and

programming. People will be needed to fill several volunteer positions, including Volunteer Coordinator, Conference “Point Person”, and Bus Tour Volunteers. Suggestions for speakers and vendors to invite are welcome.

Old Business:

Bylaws revisions: The revised bylaws will be sent out to members for their review August 11th. Deadline for responding with their vote regarding the revisions is Monday, September 11th.

Winter Garden Seminar: Nina said there is a need for a few more volunteers on the planning committee.

Photo Contest: Deadline for entries is October 7, 2017.

MGA Facebook page information should be included in the newsletter/

Upcoming board elections: Elections for open positions on the Board of Directors will be held at the annual meeting. Information about the elections should be placed in the newsletter, and members interested in serving should be encouraged to contact the board to have their name placed on the ballot.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40PM. (Motion by Dick Lienhardt; seconded by Nancy Spak.)

Next meeting – Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 6:30PM at the Extension Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Pelzl, Secretary