

**Eau Claire Area Master Gardener Volunteer Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 11, 2019  
Eau Claire County Extension Office**

**In attendance:** Mary Jane Griffin Dick Lienhardt, Carla Pelzl, Rita Gundry, Paula Bonnin, Chris Southworth, Ellen Terwilliger, Ede Strand

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

**Plant Sale:** The final report/summary of the plant sale will be available at the August board meeting.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the June board meeting were reviewed. There was a question about some of the dates on the event calendar. A board member will check the dates in question with Education Committee co-chair Lori Kempen. With that in mind, Paula Bonnin moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Ellen Terwilliger.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ede Strand pointed out that proceeds from the 2019 plant sale were \$3,157.80. After expenses were deducted, the net income was \$2,751.45. Ede also provided the 2019 budget worksheet for review and had included Ending Fund Balances for years 2018 down through 2012. We have had a healthy balance of over \$10,000 since 2013, with 2016's ending balance at \$12,772.32. A motion to approve was made by Paula Bonnin and seconded by Ellen Terwilliger. The motion carried.

**WIMGA Report:** Ellen Terwilliger said master gardener volunteers should have received an email message from Mike Maddox in the State MG office saying that the online system for reporting volunteer hours was now operational. Ellen also mentioned that there would be a WIMGA newsletter coming soon for MGV's.

**Teaching Garden:** There had been discussion of hosting a couple of educational events at the Teaching Garden outside the Extension Building closer to harvest time. Ellen offered to print a half-sheet ad/flyer for a late August or early September event. Volunteers are needed to help maintain the garden through mid September. Paula volunteered to cover the week of July 14 – 20. Then she offered to cover garden care for the weeks still open in July through August. The offer was accepted with thanks from the board. Possible dates for hosting an event were September 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>. Nancy Spak had offered to help organize food using our garden produce, such as shish-ka-bobs and salsa. Residents living in the area near the Extension building would be invited by distributing flyers to the homes. We discussed what to do with the produce as it ripens, since the amounts at any one time are modest. One suggestion was to place them in a box in the garden with a sign informing passers by that they were welcome to choose what they could use at no charge.

**Online calendar list of volunteer activities:** the Horticulture Program Coordinator, Margaret Murphy, will be adding our local organization's volunteer project list to the online calendar. Ellen will contact Margaret about taking care of that.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM. Our next meeting is Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carla Pelzl, Secretary