

Eau Claire Area Master Gardeners Board Meeting Minutes- 12 pm, Friday January 8, 2020

Attending: Ellen T., Louise W-R., Chris S., Andy H., Margaret M., Barb H., Judy M., Jeanne C., Rita G.

Item	Discussion Points
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 12:01 p.m. by President Ellen T.
Approval/Correction of Minutes	<p>Please review ahead and have corrections ready to note</p> <p>Motion to approve the minutes-Louise W-R. Seconded by Chris S. All approved.</p>
Treasurer's Report & Financials	<p>Please review ahead of time.</p> <p>No December financial statement was prepared. Jeannie C. will conduct the audit and Jeannie C./ Chris S. will make changes, if necessary. Chris S. will then prepare and distribute a December financial statement for the board to review. Judy M. inquired as to whether our organization is a 501c3. Ellen answered in the affirmative.</p>
Elections of new officers	<p>New officers will be elected by the new board</p> <p>Chris S. nominated Jeannie C. for President, seconded by Louise W-R. All approved. There are two offices available to fill on the new board. Since Jeannie C. and Louise W-R. are the only Master Gardeners on the present board that qualify to fill the 2 available offices, Louise W-R. accepted the remaining office, which is that of Secretary. Andy H. agreed to remain as Vice-President and Chris S. will continue as Treasurer.</p> <p><u>A brief discussion was held regarding the recording of Zoom meetings.</u></p>
Orientation	<p>Review binders for new and existing board, Shared drive access</p> <p>Each board member gave a short introduction of themselves. A review of our current binders was conducted, moderated by Ellen T. and Chris S.</p> <p>A discussion was held concerning a list of all MGVs phone numbers and e-mail addresses. It was decided Andy will send out this contact list to all board members.</p>
Reminder	<p>New officers need to set meeting with outgoing officers</p> <p>Ellen T. reminded each officer to meet with their new officer to pass on information and materials.</p>

<p>Education Report & Horticulture Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horticulture/Mentoring • Growing Together Seminar <p>Margaret reported on Mentors: Deadline to sign up to be a mentor is January 12. As early as next week, those who took prep training will be able to sign up for the onboarding class. She will send out an interest survey to those people. She may send out an inventory to those wanting to be mentors to help facilitate matching.</p> <p>Changes coming in 2020-2021 to MG program and Plant Diagnostic Clinic.</p> <p>Judy asked how long the training will be for mentors. Margaret replied no more than 2 hours. She would like the mentor to meet with mentee twice a month for a few months, than pare down to once a month.</p> <p>GROWING TOGETHER SEMINAR: Ellen shared the registration website with the board, going over the presenters and registration process. She mentioned the registration information will go out next week.</p>
<p>WIMGA Update</p>	<p>Andy</p> <p>Andy will send out newsletter pdf he got a few days ago. Ellen explained what WIMGA is to the new board members.</p>
<p>Meeting time for 2021</p>	<p>Discussion of times/day of month</p> <p>There was a discussion and it was agreed the board will continue to meet the second Friday of the month at noon.</p>
<p>Other New Business</p>	<p>Jeannie asked for goals for 2021 at the February meeting. She suggested we look at the project approval process. Margaret shared there will be changes coming this year from the state regarding project approval and who takes responsibility. It will be for existing and new projects.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>February?</p> <p>Next meeting will be February 12, 2021 at noon.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Jeannie C. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Louise W-R. Meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m. Thanks to Margaret M. for joining us today.</p>

Rita Gundry, Secretary