

**Eau Claire Area Master Gardener Volunteer Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 14, 2019
Eau Claire County Extension Office**

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Mary Jane Griffin at 1:05 PM.

In attendance: Paula Bonnin, Mary Jane Griffin, Dick Lienhardt, Nancy Spak, Rita Gundry, Chris Southworth, Ede Strand, Carla Pelzl

Plant Sale: The sale date is Sunday, June 9, 2019 at the Phoenix Park pavilion. Mary Jane Griffin and Susan Merten will serve as co-chairs. The sale planning committee will meet by the end of March. They are looking for a meeting place and will announce the date, time and location for the initial meeting. Dick Lienhardt has offered to plant hanging baskets of trailing petunias and grow them on for the sale. Those of us who have spare hanging planters to donate are asked to contact Dick by the third week in April.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from February 14th were reviewed and approved as written. (Motion to approve – Nancy Spak; seconded by Paula Bonnin) The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ede Strand – The beginning book balance on January 1, 2019 was \$10,718.66. The book balance on March 14, 2019 stands at \$11,060.35. There are still some master gardener association members who have not submitted dues for 2019. A motion by Paula Bonnin to approve the treasurer's report was seconded by Dick Lienhardt. The motion carried.

It was decided to wait with the budget worksheet until the April board meeting when more members could be present.

There was discussion about who, besides the treasurer, should be listed as authorized signers on the association's credit card. After discussion, it was determined that the president and vice president of the board should be listed, and possibly the WIMGA representative as well.

Nancy Spak reminded the board that we had decided to make a \$50 donation toward the planting of a tree in memory of the girl scout who had died when struck by a car while her troop was doing clean up along the highway. Nancy is helping coordinate the purchase and planting of the tree, which will be placed in a Chippewa Falls park.

Horticulture Program Coordinator position: The position has been posted.

Education Committee report: (from committee chairs Nina Logan and Lori Kempen)

March 16 – "Hydrangeas 101" – Eau Claire public library

March 16 – Garden "U" 2019, "Prairies, Berries and Trees" – Hudson, WI

March 18 – "Lyme's Disease and Other Tick Borne Illnesses" – Dr. Julie Kyle

April 6 – Barron County Spring Garden Seminar, Rice Lake, WI

April 11 – Training session: "Responding to Horticulture Inquiries" – Menomonie, WI

Monday, April 15 – "Preparing Your Garden Soil" – Jerry Clark – E.C. Extension Office, 6:30 PM

Sunday, June 9 – Plant Sale at Phoenix Park pavilion

May 11 – Beaver Creek Plant Sale

4-H Junior Fair donation: The Master Gardener Volunteer Association has helped support the 4-H Junior Fair for many years. The fair organizers have asked for our support again for this year's fair. We had donated \$200 in 2018, and the board agreed on a \$200 donation again for 2019.

WIMGA update: No report: Ellen Terwilliger was unable to be at the March board meeting.

Old Business:

New website and Google form: Some had problems with the Google form. Ellen can update us at the April board meeting. She needs a brief description of our current “approved” MGV projects so members can decide which volunteer opportunities are of interest to them.

CVTC Scholarship: CVTC sent us a letter regarding the \$500 horticulture scholarship that we have funded. They now charge \$25.00 to administer the scholarship. We were to respond to the letter in January, but did not have the form until today’s board meeting. Mary Jane will check the MGA files to locate information on the original scholarship requirements.

New Business:

Teaching Garden: Help will be needed with preparation and amending of the soil in the beds and containers, planning what crops to plant where, and weeding and watering the garden. We also need to find more ways to use the garden as an educational tool.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Extension Office.

Motion to adjourn by Dick Lienhardt; seconded by Paula Bonnin. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Pelzl, Secretary