

**Eau Claire Area Master Gardeners Board Meeting Minutes, 12 pm, September 10, 2020**

**Attending: Ellen T., Jeannie C., Nancy S., Margaret M., Andy H., Chris S., Rita G.**

Item	Discussion Points
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 12:03 by President Ellen T.
Approval/Correction of Minutes	<p>Please review ahead and have corrections ready to note</p> <p>Jeane C. made a motion to accept the August minutes, seconded by Nancy S. All in favor, motion carried.</p>
Treasurer's Report & Financials	<p>Please review ahead of time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Due</li> <li>• Dues Deadline</li> <li>• Credit Card Update</li> </ul> <p>Andy H. made a motion to approve the August treasurer's report, Rita G. seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Deadline for paying MGV dues is September 30, 2020. Online dues are set up for MGVs to use. Credit card has been applied for through RCU and will have a \$1,000 limit.</p>
Education report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Margaret update on class proposal with Diana Alfuth,</li> <li>• September, October Zoom Education Ellen, Jeannie</li> <li>• September Garden Club invite and Zoom update - Nancy</li> <li>• November Zoom - Paula</li> <li>• Assessment Email and future Education</li> <li>• February Planning - Need a group to help</li> </ul> <p>Margaret M. and Diane Alfuth will present FOUNDATION OF HORTICULTURE via Zoom as a prep course for the onboarding class next spring. It will be open to six counties, with limited seating. September 25 is the deadline to apply, no press release. The fee for this has not been set yet. Seventeen people registered for the spring MGV class and an additional five have expressed interest in the MGV class.</p> <p>Our educational meeting, featuring Jeannie C., will be on September 21, and will cover bulb planting. October 19, the President of WIMGA, Becky Gutzman, will present on Food Preservation, via Zoom. Nancy S. reported the Eau Claire Garden Club will try Zoom independently for a while to see how many members attend.</p>
WIMGA Update	<p>Andy</p> <p>WIMGA is looking for a director for our district. Fall meeting may be online.</p>
By-Laws	<p>Results from voting</p> <p>Fifteen people have sent in their vote for the by-laws-all affirmative. Andy agreed</p>

	<p>to send out a reminder to vote, with a deadline of September 15, 2020.</p> <p>A short discussion followed about whether we should have a weekly educational topic in February via Zoom, instead of our regular annual garden seminar. It would be nice to have four people on a planning committee for this event. Some suggestions for topics include COMBINING PART SUN AND SHADE GARDENING and WILD SUNFLOWER RESEARCH.</p>
SOPs	<p>Paula to send out for our review and discussion</p> <p>Paula sent out SOPs. Board structure discussed. Andy H. and Rita G. to write up job descriptions for their offices, vice-president and secretary, respectively, and send to Ellen T.</p>
Digger Award	<p>Next meeting think about potential recipients – non board members I believe</p> <p>Digger Award recipient discussed. Two potential names came up for consideration. It may not be a present board member.</p>
Nominating Committee	<p>Who else is willing to serve?</p> <p>Nancy S., Rita G. and Ellen T. agreed to be the Nominating Committee for the future board. Our by-laws state there can be 5-9 members, with an ideal number of at least 7. Andy H. and Ellen T. to work on facilitating ballots for the voting.</p>
Other Business	<p>????</p> <p>Reach out to past MGVs that are now inactive and make a few phone calls to help them re-engage. Andy H. will check data base. If inactive longer than 5 years, they would need refresh with some online educational class.</p> <p>When the new mentorship program starts, it would be for new and inactive members, as well.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>October 8<sup>th</sup>. 12:00 Noon zoom meeting</p> <p>Thanks to Margaret M. for joining us today.</p>
Adjourn	<p>Chris S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jeanne C. All in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.</p>

Rita Gundry, Secretary