

Eau Claire Area Master Gardeners Board Meeting Minutes- 12 pm, November 12, 2020

Attending: Ellen T., Louise W-R, Nancy S., Margaret M., Chris S., Andy H., Jeannie C., Rita G.

Item	Discussion Points
Call to Order	Meeting called to order by President Ellen T. at 12:02 p.m.
Approval/Correction of Minutes	<p>Please review ahead and have corrections ready to note</p> <p>Nancy S. made a motion to accept the October minutes, seconded by Louise W-R. All in favor, motion carried.</p>
Treasurer’s Report & Financials	<p>Please review ahead of time.</p> <p>All information has now been received from Ede Strand, former treasurer for ECAMGV Association. Thirty-three members have paid their dues for this year. Rita G. made a motion to approve the October Treasurer’s report, seconded by Nancy S.</p>
Education Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret update • November Zoom – Winter Tree Identification • December Party & Meeting: Online scavenger hunt, Game, digger award, announcements, board results • January ? • February Planning – Update <p>All volunteer service hours need to be recorded online by December 31, 2020. Only those hours approved can be used towards the required hours. Andy H. stated speakers for our online seminar in February will begin the weekend after Garden Expo in Madison and continue for 4 Saturdays, with a speaker each week. The dates for the speakers are February 20 and 27 and March 6 and 13. MGVs can submit a \$10 fee via credit card or send a check to the county office. Ellen T. related 7 counties will be involved, basically the Western district. Melinda Meyers is confirmed for \$600 and her topics will include CREATING SMALL GARDENS and OUTSIDE PLACES FOR ENTERTAINING. Andy H., Margaret M. and Diana A. will coordinate registration. Registering and payment of fees will occur through Eau Claire County. Revenue will be split with counties involved. Chippewa Valley Growers and other sponsors will donate for speaker events.</p> <p>This coming Monday, November 16, Jim Schweibert will speak on Winter Tree Identification at our monthly education meeting.</p> <p>Our December 7th party and annual meeting will include a website scavenger hunt . Jeannie C. will work on a game with a holiday theme. Winners’ names will appear in our newsletter.</p> <p>Rita G. will write the Digger Award speech and Ellen T. will present the award. Results of the board election will be announced and Chris S. will</p>

	<p>relay the photo contest winners.</p> <p>Our January education meeting will be held Monday, January 18th at 7 p.m. Larry Liegel will present on “Bluebirds”.</p>
WIMGA Update	<p>Andy</p> <p>Have we received the newsletter from WIMGA? The organization is having a Zoom meeting December 3. Andy will forward their newsletter link so we can check it out and catch up on WIMGA’s news.</p>
SOPs & By-Laws	<p>Updated and on website, Getting in our manuals?</p> <p>Ellen and Rita will keep their manuals for a time after the January meeting.</p>
Manual Update for 2021	<p>How do we accomplish this and what would a sample look like. Updated index, updated calendar</p> <p>Andy H. volunteered to help. Chris to send out updated Index, Calendar of Events, ECAMGV Standing Committees and Board of Directors</p>
Digger Award	<p>Establishing criteria & who should be involved in making decision. Nominations by membership based on things like project leadership, longstanding service, above & beyond etc.</p> <p>Who is eligible? Organized criteria will go out to association membership with members voting on it. Committee to work on it in February. Could we bring up nominations at our annual meeting?</p>
Board Elections	<p>Report</p> <p>Andy H. reported 18 MGVs have responded to the board elections. Our by-laws state a quorum or majority of MGVs need to vote. Andy H. will send out a reminder to vote on board candidates.</p>
Website Scavenger	<p>Send out when – review at party?</p> <p>Scavenger hunt questions to go out ahead of our Dec. 7 party/meeting. Louise W-R will work on this.</p>
Membership Cards	<p>Being sent to Ellen – and will leave at Extension</p> <p>Ellen T. will have them available at the county office for members-in -good-standing.</p> <p>Andy H. will send out reminders to pay dues.</p> <p>Ellen T. will call members who have not paid their dues.</p> <p>We discussed membership cards are not necessary and our organization won’t be spending money to reprint them.</p>

Next Meeting	<p>December ? Please have your calendar handy. We'd like to potentially adjust date so all can be present.</p> <p>Next meeting we need to confirm how our January meeting will be handled.</p> <p>Our December board meeting is changed to Friday, December 11th at noon. Current President will handle the January meeting, with the new president starting in February. Every officer should set up a 1 on 1 meeting with new officer.</p>	
Adjourn	<p>Jeannie C. made a motion to adjourn the meeting . Andy H. seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.</p> <p>Thanks to Margaret M. for joining us today.</p>	

Rita Gundry, Secretary