

Eau Claire Area Master Gardener Volunteer Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 12, 2018
Eau Claire County Extension Office

In attendance: Nina Logan, Jerry Richards, Dick Lienhardt, Mary Jane Griffin, Lori Kempen, Ede Strand, Carla Pelzl

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 1:06 P.M.

Plant Sale Report: Mary Jane Griffin

Plant donations were down from prior years, which could have been due in part to concerns about jumping worms. Some types of plants did not sell well because there were no volunteers expert enough with that variety to answer customers' questions (for example, native plants and daylilies). Customers were also looking for houseplants and container plants like herbs and annuals. There was a need for more volunteers. All plants were either sold or went home with their donors. The profit on the sale was \$1500.00.

Some observations for next year:

Offer more variety in container plants like herbs, annuals and houseplants.

Encourage our members to divide houseplants early for the sale.

Find a volunteer with expertise in native plants.

Encourage more volunteers – a volunteer for every two tables, if possible. Remind them to provide good customer service.

Develop a new pricing system.

Start the sale earlier if there are customers waiting and enough volunteers on hand.

The 10:00 – 1:00 time frame seemed right.

Nina Logan and Dick Lienhardt were given special thanks for the large numbers of seedlings and plants they donated. Mary Jane expressed thanks to all volunteers who worked at the sale and to all MGV's who donated plants. Next year's sale will be the second Sunday in June – June 9, 2019.

Secretary's Report: Carla Pelzl

The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed and accepted as written (Motion – Lori K., Second – Nina L.)

Education Committee Report: Lori Kempen, Nina Logan

- There will be no monthly education meeting/ program June 18 due to planned garden tours

- July 10 – Tour of three Third Ward gardens

- July 14 – Eau Claire Garden Club Tours

- July 16 – Aquatic Invasive Species – A. J. Leiden

- July (TBA, week of July 22nd) – Tour of Dick Lienhardt's garden

- July 25 – 29 – Eau Claire County Junior Fair and Ask-a-Master Gardener booth, 11-3
July 27 - 28
- August – Native Plants for Pollinators – Sherry Sprague
- September – End-of-Season Sharing session and potluck for members
- September 21-22 – State WIMGA Conference in Eau Claire
- September 30 – MG Hours due at Extension Office
- October – Dunn Co. MG volunteer will discuss the garden project he facilitates for jail inmates

Education/ Program Report, cont.

November 19 – Representatives from Just Local Foods will talk about the “Eat Local” trend

December 17 – Holiday party and potluck

Treasurer's Report: Ede Strand

The book balance as of July 14th was \$10,016.79. Plant sale profit was \$1500.00. There are questions

remaining on Digi Copy bills, which do not itemize what the amount was for. Ede will follow up with them. The report was accepted with thanks.

Teaching Garden: Carla Pelzl

It was emphasized that volunteers are needed to help with maintaining the garden (watering, pruning, staking plants, etc.) We also need to determine how to put the produce to good use. There is uncertainty about the future of the garden unless new volunteers can be recruited. Dick Lienhardt has offered to develop a more efficient watering system.

Mary Jane thanked Carla and Dick, and appreciation was also expressed for MGV Sally Anderson who has volunteered to help with the watering.

Motion to adjourn: Dick L., Lori K. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 P.M. Next meeting is Thursday, August 9th at 1:00 P.M. at the Extension Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Pelzl, Secretary