

**NORTH COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS
MEETING MINUTES
22 JUNE 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM by Vice-President, Donna Amidon.

Present were Deb Studley, Ed Jacobsen, Donna Amidon, Roseann Meixelsperger, Vicki Gee-Treft, Katie Childs, Mark Fox, Sue Reinardy, Carol Taylor, Barb Boatman, Yvonne Koch-Proctor, Terri Johnson and Carla TePaske.

Barb Boatman moved to accept the May 22, 2017, minutes as written.

Barb Boatman reported the checking account balance of \$2,833.60 after a pending bill is paid.

Mark Fox asked about how many plants were left over from the plant sale. Carol Taylor reported about 50 tomato plants were left. Donna Amidon took the remaining perennials to the Forts Folle Avione plant sale held Memorial weekend.

Old Business:

AAS Foodscaping gardens planted June 6th by Katie, Sharon, Terri, Carol, Roseann, Russ and Kevin. Sharon reported that gardens and paths need weeding and the edging needs to be raised as it is covered with soil and grass. A schedule was set up for weeding/maintenance starting June 26th for Mondays at 5:00 PM and Tuesdays at 9:00 AM. Sharon also reported that the pergolas need to be rebuilt and some benches are in need of replacement. Mark Fox will talk to Russ about the pergolas and some new trainees have said they have spouses who could do carpentry work.

New Business:

- Russ has decided to discontinue his participation in developing the Children's Garden for this year. Roseann and Mark volunteered to continue working on this project. We received a \$250 WIMGA grant and will need to make a report by July 31st explaining how the funds were used. Sue Reinardy will research what was submitted in the proposal and see if we can extend the time frame for reporting. Roseann and Mark said a plan was drawn up. Do we have enough funds to finish it this year? Carol and others talked about the need to raise more funds than what we make at the plant sale for future projects. We need a committee to set priorities which should be done by fall. An article in the May 2017 NCMGV newsletter detailed the vision for this garden.
- Those who received recent emails about completing their background check need to go online, follow the instructions and complete it by June 30th.
- A volunteer opportunity at Spooner Elementary will be held June 26 - June 29. Instructors are Nancy Reis, Arthur Collins and Russ Parker. More help is needed so Vicki Gee-Treft has arranged for Roseann and Jane Lauterbach to help.
- There is also a geo-caching program going on and the SARS garden is included as a site. An ammo box containing rattlesnake bean seeds will be placed somewhere in the garden. Do not move it.
- Meet Me In The Garden will be held July 13th at 6:00 PM. Sue Reinardy is looking for volunteers to provide planted containers that include edible plants. Several people have containers ready for this event. Sue also needs volunteers to make 5-10 minute presentations. See email from Sue dated June 21, 2017.
- Vicki Gee-Treft mentioned some non-active MGV's who are interested in becoming certified again and others transferring from other counties or from out of state. Linda Anderson will be transferring from Anoka County, Minnesota.

- Graduates of the recent MGV training are Jane Lauterbach, Barbara Foster, Carla TePaske, Sheila Squires, Janet Wisdom, Pete Wisdom, Mark Fox, Nikki Halverson, Kathryn Schiedermayer, Karen Schultz, Patryce Schultz, Cindy Lawson and Karen Pavlecek. A photo of the group can be found on our website at <http://www.northcountrymgv.org>.
- There was discussion about needing garden maps for visitors. Lorraine will be asked to print up 50 of the Monarch and Pollinator Sanctuary (MAPS) garden maps to put in the mailbox for now. New maps will be designed for the AAS gardens and we will get those printed on the backside of the MAPS garden maps. Donna will ask her husband to print 200-300 copies of the maps. A motion was made by Carol and seconded by Sharon to print more maps. Motion carried.
- **Twilight Garden Tour:**
 - Russ and Terrie Johnson will map the area and determine where tables, chairs, garbage cans, potable water will be located. Schedule grass cutting for area and make sure gardens are watered if needed.
 - Vicki will handle parking, road signage and the welcome table. An agenda and map need to be created for distribution at the welcome table. Need clipboards and forms to collect names/emails of visitors. Parking areas need to be determined by Phil Holman. Parking volunteers wear red vests available at SARS office.
 - Sue Reinardy is designing a label with our contact information to attach to the milkweed seed packets given to visitors at the welcome table.
 - Barb and Cindy Lawson will inventory our supplies and determine with Lorraine what supplies need to be purchased. Suggested that small plates be purchased for salsa area instead of just napkins.
 - Sharon will manage the garden signage and pepper roasting. She will select the peppers/vegetables. Terrie Johnson will provide the gas grill.
 - Speakers are confirmed - P. J. Liesch, Brian Smith and Brian Huddleston, and Sue Reinardy. Need special name tags for speakers.
 - Public address system - Kevin.
 - Terrie will manage garbage and recycling needs.
 - Potable water needed at tomato tasting and pepper/vegetable grilling areas.
 - Salsa will be made at Barb Boatman's house the day before the tour by Barb, Terrie, Nancy, Terri and Deb. Ingredients will be purchased. Discuss making more than was made in 2016.
 - Carol Taylor and Carolyn will host tomato tasting area.
 - Photographers: Kevin, Terrie and possibly Otto (who is retiring).
 - Publicity will be coordinated with Kevin, Lorraine and Katie Childs.
 - Discussion on type of evaluation to develop and best way to collect completed forms.
 - Porta-potty needs to be ordered and delivered day before the event.
 - Need to schedule a meeting of TGT committee members after the July 27th NCMGV meeting to confirm that all necessary arrangements have been made and tasks completed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM.

Next meeting will be in the SARS building on July 27th at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Deb Studley
Secretary