

**NORTH COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
26 OCT 2017**

Members present included Donna Amidon, Cindy Lawson, Carol Taylor, Terrie Strand, Barb Boatman, Sheila Squires, Janet Mangold, Russ Parker, Mark Fox, Tony Webber, Vicki Gee-Treft, and Roseann Meixelsperger.

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 PM by President, Donna Amidon.

**Old Business:**

- Terrie Strand announced that our teaching and display garden won another national award. The AAS garden design contest submission was made by Terrie Strand and Sharon Tarras. Terrie announced that we won first place! Details are in a press release that will soon be published and will be available on our website [www.northcountrymgv.org](http://www.northcountrymgv.org). Terrie suggested that we need an AAS committee that starts right away. Members of that committee could be involved in design, planting, paperwork, and taking photos thru the season. This should be placed on the January 2018 agenda for further discussion and action. Need to discuss height and spacing of the plants. Should also decide in January if we want to be in the contest. This year the AAS will mail seed plugs for the 2018 theme that are scheduled for delivery to the research station on May 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have to start the plugs here. Terrie stated we will receive three (3) flats or five (5) flats each with eighteen (18) plugs. Suggested the new MG class may be able to help get these started.
- Donna Amidon announced that the decision to stagger the Officers and Directors terms was to reduce the Secretary's term to expire in September 2018, and Director Vicki's term will be extended to expire in September 2020. All other Officer and Director's terms remain as voted on at our September meeting.

**New Business:**

- Vicki Gee-Treft asked for volunteers at Head Start on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> to prepare the bed for planting on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Vicki also stated that vintage Master Gardener binders that originally sold for \$55 are on sale for \$5/ each.
- Sheila Squires stated the bank has both herself and Russ Parker as signors. Russ stated he will stop at the bank to sign the new signature card. There were no objections to these signors.
- Donna Amidon stated there are 36 certified Master Gardener Volunteers, who volunteered over 2,000 hours. The Top five are: Susan Armstrong, Russ Parker, Sue Reinardy, Vicki Gee-Treft and Nancy Rice. Congratulations and thank you to all our volunteers!
- Donna Amidon asked for volunteers to Clean up the gardens on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. and to bring your tools with you.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM. All who remained enjoyed our pot luck.

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann Meixelsperger  
Secretary