

North Country Master Gardener Volunteers Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2018

Members Present: Janet Mangold, Barb Boatman, Nancy Reis, Sheila Squires, Carla TePaske, Katie Childs, Linda Anderson, Dorothee Hembrook, Mark Fox, Russ Parker, Terri Johnson, Deb Studley, Donna Amidon, and Vicki Gee-Treft (via WisLine).

Next Meeting is May 24, 2018 4p.m. at the Ag Station. Call Lorraine at 715-635-3735 to get on WisLine if you cannot attend meeting (and wish to participate).

1. **This Membership Meeting** was called to order by President Donna Amidon at 4:00 following a group photo. The photo may be used at some time in the future to further this years AAS theme *GET SOCIAL IN THE GARDEN*.

We welcome two new Master Gardener Volunteers to our association. They are Dorothee Hembrook and Linda Anderson.

2. **Approval of March 22, 2018 membership meeting minutes:** Motion to approve by Vicki Gee-Treft second by Barb Boatman.

3. **Treasurer's April Report** given by Treasurer Sheila Squires:

\$1,414.82 Beginning Balance

\$895.50 Ending Balance

4. **Committee Reports:**

- **MGV Spring Training 2018** – Russ Parker reported that the MGV training class of 12 students is progressing as scheduled.
- **Plant Sale Sat. May 19, 2018.** Carla TePaske distributed to those in attendance the plant sale advertising posters to notify the public of the plant sale. She also encouraged volunteers to sign up for Fri. & Sat. plant sale duties. Carla showed us the brochure that is available to those people buying the native plants. Russ expects approximately 650 tomato plants will be ready for the plant sale. He delivered all the transplanted native flower selections to Cindy Lawson's new green house where they will mature until the plant sale.
- **Signage:** Russ is encouraging garden plant identification signs to be placed as soon as possible in the garden this growing season. He is working on a recycling site specifically for the size pots that we can use in our plant sale activities. Watch for this recycling site at the plant sale.
- **Seed/Plant Maintenance:** The watering schedule for the greenhouse plants was passed around. Volunteers are needed.

- **Teaching & Display Garden** - Children's programming will be arranged around the following times in the Garden:

Designing AAS garden plots, working with community groups adopting a garden plot, planning for AAS plants from Madison, weekly maintenance of display gardens on Monday evenings and Tuesday morning.

Meet Me in The Garden theme for July 17 is:

"Tips, Tricks, Fact or Fiction."

Sept. 8 theme will include evaluation of this year's garden, seed saving, clean-up of gardens and fall harvest.

**Garden Club tour & social event at display garden: This discussion lead to this idea being tabled for another year.

- **Publicity and Marketing** – Carla sent out plant sale notices.
 - **Communication – Public & Members** Visit the new MGV blog and contribute to posts during garden season.
5. **Old Business** – Porta Potty: Discussion from March and this meeting indicate a need for this at the garden. It is a budget item. Will need to be voted upon.

6. **New Business:**

Volunteer opportunities

- ❖ May 4 – Middle School students at the garden.
- ❖ Shell Lake Seniors: Need advice on types of plants & soil type.
- ❖ Hunt Hill: August 8-10, 4-H
- ❖ Memorial Day Plant Sale – May 26 & 27 at the Fort. Forts Folle Avoine
- ❖ Barron County Plant Sale: June 9th at Barron County Fairgrounds.
- ❖ June 2 – Family Day at Washburn County Fair Grounds.

Russ reported on the new apple shape wood disc that will be available this summer at our registered geocache site in the display garden. More information on this disc to follow.

Vicki suggested holding an Instagram tutorial after the regular meeting next month to promote what we are doing in the garden.

Janet Mangold, as the representative "at large" for Wisconsin, will attend the WIMGA meeting on April 28th. Roseann Meixelsperger is our local representative to WIMGA and will attend with Janet.

Carla presented a picture of the bench that her husband made for the teaching and display garden. Thank You Carla for the lovely bench!

Adjourn – Motion by Mark Fox, second by Janet Mangold. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Reis