

**NORTH COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS
MEETING MINUTES
23 AUGUST 2018**

Members present included Janet Mangold, Vicki Gee-Treft, Russ Parker, Sheila Squires, Yvonne Kosh-Prochner, Nancy Reis, Carol Taylor, Katie Childs, Deb Studley, Cindy Lawson, Ed Jacobsen, D. Llemebroah and Roseann Meixelsperger.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Carol Taylor.

Meeting minutes from July 26th, 2018 were approved.

Treasurer's Report for July 2018 was presented by Sheila.

Beginning Balance =	\$3,012.36
Less Expenses to:	
LHW Portable restrooms	(130.00)
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Plus: 3 Tubs-KS.	30.00
Morris Dues	5.00
Ending Balance =	\$2,787.36

Committee Reports:

Teaching and Display Garden/AAS/TGT/Meet Me in the Garden:

Twilight Garden Tour Tuesday, August 14, 4:00-7:00 Vicki distributed the TGT evaluation results. Despite the stormy weather start, a grand total of 254 visitors were here: Sheila stated 206 people visited the Welcome Table, there were 28 volunteers and 8 staff present. The Girl Scouts donated \$40 from their plaque sale. The Lions Club volunteered to stripe the parking area next year for us. Cindy stated \$100 was raised thru the cut flowers sales. Janet M. suggests the third speaker be placed away from the Tastings area next year, as it was difficult to hear the speaker in that area. Also, that speaker was not given a pop-up, and perhaps next year could locate two speakers in the large yellow striped tent. Thank you to all volunteers and specifically Deb S. for the checklist and updating the TGT binder.

Children and Youth Programs: Roseann gave a status report and results on the survey. Discussed some program issues during this our first year, and some recommendations for future programs. Thanks to all the MGV's who are helping make this program successful, and to all who have donated items needed to run the program. We are waiting to see if we will receive a WIMGA grant for 2019.

Signage: Vicki asked all to store signs in our shed, so we will have them for the Spring. A welcome to the gardens sign has been posted on the Main Mailbox.

Seed Starting, Saving, and Plant Maintenance: Russ is starting with the beans, squash, pumpkins, and tomato's. Greenhouse cleanup: Reminded us the greenhouse started operation in 2007. To prevent disease, need to sanitize pots and have better housekeeping. PHYSAN 20 will be used for fungus, algae, and bacteria control.

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Publicity and Marketing:

No report.

Communication to Public and Members/handbook/newsletter/website.

Vicki reported in Sue's absence on the website statistics:

- 1st Quarter: 610 unique visitors/month
- 2nd Quarter: 1,135 unique visitors/month. (Added blogs)
- YTD: 7,500 unique visitors

Lorraine has sent Facebook statistics to Vicki. Will report next month.

MGV Training Update:

We will need a minimum of ten (10) students to conduct the Spring training. Will report as we get closer to Spring on interested parties that have contacted the station.

Officer Nominations: Carol stated we nominate officers in August and elect them in September. The slate is as follows:

Board: Vicki has another year left of her term. Russ would like to continue. Mark has agreed to run for the other board position.

Lynn Ford has agreed to run for secretary.

Roseann has agreed to run for VP.

Carol T. has been VP and will become president in October 2018 when Donna's term expires.

Sheila will continue her term as Treasurer for one more year.

Katie moved to accept the slate as presented, second by Nancy R. Motion carries unanimously.

Old Business:

Vicki stated the MOMS club will help two times/week to harvest. Hayward Community Gardens is looking for help keeping the gardens weeded, etc. Meet Me in the Garden on September 8th needs help with presentation on two topics that Sue R. has created handouts for: Fresh Produce Storage and Fall Garden Checklist.

New Business:

Nancy R. volunteered to contact LHW Portage restrooms to advise them the last day for our porta potty rental will be September 30th.

Annual Achievements: Sue needs @4 stories and photos per County. Due in early October.

Timesheets: Want to reflect our actual time. Deadline is September 15, 2018 due to Kevin or Lorraine. This year we will again submit the time manually. Janet will check with WIMGA on electronic filing status.

Meeting time: Discussion on moving the meeting time to later than 4:00 pm so that MGV's who are working during regular business hours could attend. The meeting time is yet to be decided. If people want to voice an opinion they should contact Donna before our September meeting. In September, our meeting will be at 4 pm, followed by our potluck at 5 pm.

Other: Vicki stated Kevin is out of the station until September 5th, Mitch and Kenzie's last day is August 24th. Need help harvesting and getting harvest into the cooler. If an organization is picking, an MGV should be present. Soil Amendment may be done this Fall in the AAS beds. Seed to Kitchen ends in

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October. September 10th is the cleanup date for the AAS gardens. AAS contest report is due September 15th, working on this with Katie, Roseann, Sharon and Terrie.

Thank you Visa prepaid cards @\$100/each for our two interns (Mitch & Kenzie) and Lorraine. Motion by Janet, second by Russ. Motion carries unanimously.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Assist in harvesting & distributing Display Garden produce to food shelves, community/senior centers & schools. Ongoing.

Geocaching: September 7th. See Russ if you'd like to help.

Meet Me in the Garden: September 8th. See Sue R. if you'd like to help.

Field trip day by K-12 home school students & parents on Friday, September 28. Tour site & activities/demonstrations, such as those in Kids in the Garden, mini-master and middle/high school service learning, SARS conference room will be the backup in case of bad weather.

Theater in the Woods (Shell Lake) has requested an MGV to speak about Fall Gardening in October, date TBD, at 10:30 am. MGV's suggest they be invited to our Meet Me in the Garden on September 8th.

Educational Opportunities:

WIMGA Conference September 21-22: Conference will be held in Eau Claire.

Volunteer Vibe: Many educational opportunities available to MGV's. This is a monthly e-letter exclusively for certified and intern MGVs.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Next Membership Meeting is our "annual meeting" on September 27th at 4:00 PM at the Research Station. This will be followed by our pot luck at 5:00 PM.

Reminder on options for members who can't attend meetings: WisLine Anytime Service can handle up to 50 phone lines. Members who cannot come to meetings can listen to the meetings live via WisLine (by phone). All you must do is contact Lorraine (715-635-3735) in advance of the meeting and she will give the member the number to call and the code to enter so they can listen in to the meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann Meixelsperger, Secretary