

# North Country Master Gardener Volunteer Association

## April 25, 2019 Meeting Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Carol.

Attendees: KD Childs, Roseanne Meixelsperger, Russ Parker, Carol Taylor, Nancy Reis, Donna Amidon, Carla TePaske, Lynn Ford, Cindy Lawson, Sue Reinardy, Sheila Squires, Amanda Kupsch, Vicki Gee-Treft, Naomi Fogelberg and Mark Fox by call in.

Minutes from last month's meeting were approved by a motion from Sue and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy.

**Quarterly financial update** - see attached

### Old Business:

- **Horticultural Inquiries email list** - Vicki will work on creating an email list of MG's who have attended the Horticultural Inquiries training so that she can poll them to see which topics they would feel comfortable answering questions on.
- **Plant sale update; request for volunteers** – there will be many different opportunities to volunteer in the setup, take down, clean up and for the actual sale itself. Please email Carol at caroltaylor20@gmail.com with what you would like to help with. Set up will begin on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 3pm and the plant sale set up on Saturday morning will begin at 7. Weather permitting, our cashiers will be set up outside this year to open up more walking room in the building for our buyers. We will move the pepper tables to the front of the room where the cashier tables were last year. We will be selling 6 packs of herbs, 6 packs of perennials and also canna lilies outside. We will have a map showing the location of tomato and pepper varieties. The ads, press release and posters are done. Brochures have been printed and tri folded. See attached 6 pack brochures and plant sale sign.
- **Training of new master gardeners update** – Training is going well, and the trainees are very engaged. Several have helped at the greenhouse with transplanting. There are a few that still need to create their online profiles so that they can complete their background checks.
- **When tracking your volunteer hours, please also include your travel time when applicable**
- **AAS design trainees have been asked to help need veterans to assist** – We will ask our trainees to work with existing Master Gardeners to design the new AAS garden spaces. If you are interested in this, please contact Carol, or come to the 5/21 training session to team up with some trainees. Anyone is welcome to attend any training session for CE credits or if you would like to help, you may also receive volunteer hours. Please contact Vicki prior to attending so we are prepared.

### New Business:

- **New NCMGVA garden blog subscription service** – an email was sent out this week from Sue explaining how to sign up for the service. Please go to the website <https://northcountrymgv.org/blog> to sign up.
- **Board of Directors report** – project requests will be given to the Board to approve. Kevin is too busy with all the recent changes to take care of them all.

- **Overall garden plan** – Russ went over the proposed garden plans. See attached schematics. The map has been updated since the handbook came out and the planting schemes have been rearranged.
- **Volunteer opportunities -**
  - Spooner Library – the library would like help designing their side gardens. There are also volunteer opportunities on Wednesdays for their story time. Please contact Roseanne for more information.
  - Service Learning Day for 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Spooner Middle School will be Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30 to 2:45. If you would like to help in the garden with the children, please bring rakes, gloves and flat bottomed shovels. Please arrive at 1pm. Contact Russ with questions.
  - Russ has scheduled a transplant date at the greenhouse for Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 per the request of some of the new trainees who work.
  - Presentations needed in each county ~ As Kevin has gotten busier, he would like us to be mindful of making presentations in all of our counties to keep our name out there. He doesn't have the time to do all of the presentations himself. Please contact Carol if you would like to do a presentation or volunteer in some way.
  - **Mini Master Gardner Day** was held on March 30<sup>th</sup> at Bashaw Valley Greenhouse. It was a big success. There were 29 children participating and 20 adult volunteers. Of the 20 adult volunteers, 12 were Master Gardener Volunteers. Several were even from our current training class. Way to go!
  - Roseanne will be attending a WIMGA meeting Saturday where they will talk about updates to the bylaws regarding back ground checks. Our bylaws will more than likely need to be updated at some point to be consistent.

The meeting was dismissed at 6:40pm.

**Next meeting is 5:30 pm at SARS on May 23.**

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