

**NORTH COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
25 JULY 2019**

**Members present** included Carol Taylor, Janet Mangold, Cindy Lawson, Terrie Johnson, Nancy Reis, Sheila Squires, Pat Johnson, Sue Reinardy, Yvonne Koch-Proctor, Marilyn Kaman, Cynde Kleven, Linda Zillmar, Mark Fox and Roseann Meixelsperger.

**The meeting was called to order** at 5:30 PM by Carol Taylor.

**Meeting minutes** from June 25th, 2019 were reviewed. Cindy moved to accept, second by Sheila. Motion carries unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** as of May 2019 was presented by Sheila

Beginning Balance =	\$4,731.47
Less Reimbursement to Yvonne Koch-Proctor,	
Display Garden Herbs	( 146.23)
Russ Parker – Plant sale	( 257.36)
Roseann Meixelsperger-Children's Garden	( 35.27) Note: WIMGA Grant funds
Carol Taylor-display Garden	( 120.26)
Plus:	
Donation memory of Sue Stenvold	<u>50.00</u>
Ending Balance =	\$4,222.35

Sheila gave us a Budget summary. Revenues to date = \$4,822. Expenses to date = \$2,258 which is on target. Twilight Tour is coming up, which should end our fiscal year expenses.

**WIS line is disconnected:** Station staff is being trained on Zoom. Once it's available, we'll be notified.

**Volunteer Hour Reporting Status:** Discussion on volunteers use of the system. Seems to be going smoothly.

**Memorials:** Carol noted that the Board met suggesting we create a memorial for past MGVs. Mark Fox is researching options. Mark wants to know if we'd like it inside or outside? How much to spend? Janet suggests using our website for accessibility. Janet motioned to recognize MGV's to have a memorial notification on the website. Discussion. Motion fails. Vicki G-T moved to recognize passing MGV's at the time of their passing, for example, on our website, Facebook posting, blog, etc. Second by Cindy. Motion carries. Discussion on memorial donations should be used for the mission of the organization

**Potential Board Candidates:** Carol stated we will need a Vice President, as current VP Roseann will become President. We need a Member-at-large as Vicki's position is expiring. Treasurer Sheila's term is also expiring. Pat Johnson has offered to run for Treasurer. Please let Carol know if you are interested in the open positions. A slate of candidates will be presented at the August meeting.

**Overall Garden Update:** Russ provided a written list of items to be done. Plans to have a workday on Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 9 am to remove cover crops, and lay them on straw to dry. He will come in later to remove them and replace with leaves. Drip irrigation by the grapes needs repair. Consensus is to not repair this. Plants need watering as we've only received +2" of rain during our season.

**Twilight Tour update** Vicki and Nancy reported. Volunteers are ready and willing to assist, just need to be assigned tasks which will be done soon. Need a volunteer to make fruit salsa. Will need vegetables and fruits from Seed to Kitchen and Vendors for the tasting booths. Water suppliers are in good shape.

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**Children's Garden:** Roseann gave a project status Report on the Kids in the Garden program. Had 14 children at our last session on Pollinators. Our last session for the season will be taught by our intern, Sierra August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> on Apples and painting Friendship Rocks. Kevin, Anna (4-H), Amber (Spooner Middle School) and Roseann met on potential Junior Master Gardener offering at the Middle School after school program this Fall. If we have ten (10) JMG's sign up, Roseann and Nikki H. will teach the sessions. A Little Free Library will be placed in the children's garden by Twilight Tour.

**Meet Me in the Garden:** Sue stated there were about 10 participants at the July 16<sup>th</sup> session of Re-use, Recycle, Re-imagine. Next session is August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm Cutting Flower Garden. Cindi stated they will start in the garden and move to the SARS meeting room. Last session will be on September 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to Noon. Subject is Seed Saving. Fall rejuvenation. Sue will send e-mails for MGV speakers.

**WIMGA Update:** Janet stated there are three one day training sessions coming up: Sept 12 is Wausau, Sept 14 is Madison and Sept 20 is Altoona. All are invited to the WIMA Annual Meeting that will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm at the UW-Stevens Point Dreyfus Center.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Hunt Hill – Marilyn Kamen will work on maintaining the bed planted by Sharon Tarras last year. Marilyn and Terri J. will go to the garden after Twilight Tour to identify the plants. Hunt Hill needs to identify what they want.

Washburn County Fair – 7/25,26, & 27 Barb B. is judging Wheelbarrows. Vicki stated we have a display. John Hack has a live bee demo. The UW has 4 poster boards up.

Sawyer County Fair – 8/22-25. Cindy L. has contacted Sky Holt, still with no response.

Horticultural Inquiries - ongoing

Siren School Garden – contact Cheryl Pippin

Hudson Garden Tour – 8/6 here at SARS. Kevin, Phil, Interns Sarah and Sierra, Carol, Sue, Vicki, and Roseann will host tours that day.

Twilight Tour – 8/13 contact Donna Amidon

Bennett Garden Tour – 8/16 here. Carol & Carla will host that tour

Geocache – 8/17 contact Russ Parker to help

4-H Leaders from Burnett Garden Club – 8/18 here

Washburn County Homeschool 9/6 from 9:30 am – 11:30 am. Program same as last year.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

**Next Membership Meeting is August 22nd, 5:30 PM at SARS**

**Reminder on options for members who can't attend meetings:** Zoom is coming.....

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann Meixelsperger, Vice President