

**NORTH COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS
MEETING MINUTES
27 JUNE 2019**

Members present included Carol Taylor, Donna Amidon, Janet Mangold (via phone), Russ Parker, Barb Boatman, Terri Johnson, Cindy Lawson, Terrie Strand, Cheryl Pippin, Jill Schmulz-Washkahn, Pam Davies, Nancy Reis, Carla TePaske, Sheila Squires, Tony Webber, Ted Jacobsen, Linda Anderson, Amanda Kupsch and Roseann Meixelsperger.

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

Meeting minutes from May 23rd, 2019 were reviewed. Donna moved to accept, second by Nancy. Motion carries unanimously.

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

Beginning Balance =	\$1,225.24
Less Reimbursement to Spooner Advocate,	
Plant Sale	(249.39)
Russ Parker – Plant sale	(54.20)
Roseann Meixelsperger-Children's Garden	(175.78)Note: WIMGA Grant funds
Carla TePaske – Plant sale Pro-mix	(44.40)
Terri Strand – Dahlias	(257.60)
Sheila Squires – 60-Packs for Plant Sale	(84.40)
Plus: Mini-Master Gardener registrations	135.00
Plant Sale income	3,837.00
Donation memory of Sue Stenvold	<u>400.00</u>
Ending Balance =	\$4,731.47

Bylaws update/Compliance: Carol reminded us they were presented at the May 23rd meeting. Motion to accept the changes as presented by Roseann, second by Nancy. Approved by unanimous vote.

Memorials: Carol noted that we have lost 2 Master Gardeners this year: Sue Donatelo and Katie Childs. Katie's memorial service is July 8th at Lakeside Lutheran. Visitation @ 10 AM, Service @ 11 AM followed by lunch. Please let Donna know if you plan on attending. Condolence cards were passed around for signatures. Discussion on memorial – perhaps at the Twilight Tour. Please give your suggestions to Carol.

Training Sessions Graduation: Carol had positive comments on the new MG Interns and their presentations. Congratulations and welcome to all.

AAS Garden Update: Congratulations to the new MG plots designs. Although we chose to not participate in the AAS contest this year, the gardens are full of potential. Russ will schedule a workday and mulch time and send out an email invitation with date and time.

Twilight Tour update: Donna stated they are working on setup; booths (Mark @ Namekagon, Tavis mushrooms, Lisa Burns, Barron County MG, and new this year Hunt Hill). Donna wants garden guides, has point people i.e. Terri @ Perennials, ?? Monarch Waystation, Roseann @ Children's Garden, Mark @ straw bales, Carol @ grow bags, etc. Next meeting is Wednesday, July 10th 10 AM at SARS.

Children's Garden: Roseann gave a project status Report on the Kids in the Garden program. The first session on bugs had 27 "Little learners" noted in 2018 had 8 "LLs"; the second session on Composting & Hummingbirds had 18 "LLs" noted in 2018 had 7 "LLs". Also had Spooner Elementary for a session on Going Green and planting the square foot garden. Next session is July 8th & 9th Yoga in the Garden.

Meet Me in the Garden: Carol provided the dates of July 16th, August 29th, and September 7th.

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WIMGA Update: Janet stated the online reporting is now LIVE. A few MG's stated they had to try several times to get into the system but did eventually get in to enter their hours. Sue Reinardy held a training session at 4:30 pm today on how to use the system. Janet stated the Leadership training dates & locations have been posted on the WIMGA website at www.wimga.org

Volunteer Opportunities:

Spoooner Elementary – Summer School help for the horticulture classes please contact Nikki Halverson.
Hunt Hill – Marilyn Kamen will work on maintaining the bed planted by Sharon Tarras last year. Roseann met with the new Director, Sage Dunham, who will use our KIG program topics in 2020 children's camps, asking MG's to provide educational instruction.

Washburn County Fair – 7/25,26, & 27 Barb B. is judging Wheelbarrows

Sawyer County Fair – 8/22-25

Horticultural Inquiries - ongoing

Siren School Garden – contact Cheryl Pippin

Hudson Garden Tour – 8/6 here at SARS

Twilight Tour – 8/13 contact Donna Amidon

Bennett Garden Tour – 8/16 here

Geocache – 8/17 contact Russ Parker

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

Drip Irrigation. Russ will set this up for the straw bale and grow bags area. Need help.

Kevin's updates: UW Assistant Dean Kathryn Neiswinder will visit SARS on Monday, 7/1 at 2 pm. Noted he had been on the Larry Meiller radio program June 14th.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Next Membership Meeting is July 25th, 5:30 PM at SARS

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, Vice President