

March 28, 2019 NCMGVA Membership Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Russ Parker, Carol Taylor, Nancy Reis, Carla TePaske, Amanda Kupsch, Vicki Gee-Treft, Kevin Schoessow, Terri Johnson, Mark Fox, Cindy Lawson, Sheila Squires, Lynn Ford and Janet Mangold via phone.

Call to Order -

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 by President Carol Taylor.

February's minutes –

Previous minutes were approved by Vicki Gee-Treft and seconded by Russ Parker.

Financial Report -

Shiela Squires presented the financial report for the month (see attached).

Old Business:

Plant Sale Report -

Russ talked about the progress of our plant sale plants. Two of the natives that were planted didn't make it. The brochures have not been printed yet, so we have time to adjust if a second batch of plants that get started do not do well. We have over 300 peppers started and the herbs appear to be doing well. The tomatoes will be seeded April 9th at the Training Session.

Training Session Update -

The Orientation for the Training Session went well.

Twilight Tour Update -

Brian Hudelson and PJ Leich have been issued place holders but need to be issued a formal invitation if we want to have them as speakers.

New Business:

Handbooks -

New handbooks are available. They will not be mailed out as the hope is that members will access them online. They can also be picked up in person.

Garden Plot Changes –

Russ went over a map of the proposed garden changes. The AAS garden is moving to the south section. The next section will be vegetables, tomatoes and peppers. We still need to find a place for vine crops. Delizz Strawberries will go to the Tiered Planter in the Children's Garden. The former AAS garden will have a Herb and Tea Section, Fragrant Flower Section, Cover Crops, Straw Bale Gardening & Grow Bag Section, Sunflower section with a photo op bench, Dahlia Section and Trellising Section.

AAS Garden Design –

Help with designing spaces in the new AAS Garden area, along with the new Trainees, would be appreciated.

Dannett Hopke from UW Extension -

Dannett expressed interest in using the garden for her Story Walks for children. She will get in touch with Roseann to work out coordination with Kids in the Garden.

Responding to Horticulture Inquiries Training -

Training will be held on April 8th in Menomonie. We have several members attending.

Barron County Garden Expo

will be held April 6th. The deadline to sign up is March 29th.

Volunteer Opportunities –

Speakers for the Women's Club in Danbury.

Spooner Library requested our help in their back garden and sitting area.

WIMGA Update –

Janet presented a WIMGA update via phone (see attached).

The next membership meeting will be held April 25th at 5:30pm.