

NORTH COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
25 Feb 2021

Zoom meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. CST by President, Roseann Meixelsperger.

Present were: Lorraine Toman, Roseann Meixelsperger, Jill Fries, Jessie Crane, Sue Reinardy, Donna Amidon, Pam Davies, Sandy Niewinski, Deb Studley and Kevin Schoessow.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2021 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Roseann reported a bank balance of \$1,283.64 and reminded us that \$800.00 of that total is from WIMGA grant funds to develop a sensory and children's section in the display garden. \$205.00 in dues was sent to WIMGA for forty-one members. Jill Fries made a suggestion that we ask members to pay their own dues in the future.

Seed Starting/Greenhouse Updates: The committee met February 18th. Kevin suggested sending all AAS seeds to the Arlington Greenhouse except for vine crops that we can direct seed in May. His suggestion was agreed to by all.

Handbook Update: Sandy Niewinski reported the handbook will be ready in March.

Website, blogs and Facebook: Several blog articles have been published with more coming.

Online Reporting System: Sue reported that members must go to the WIMGA website <https://volunteers.wimastergardener.org> and register this year for reporting hours or their names will be removed by UW-Madison Division of Extension

Bylaw Amendments: The Bylaw amendments proposal from the Board was presented which aligns with WIMGA wording. All were in agreement with the proposal. A final vote will be taken at the March 25, 2021, membership meeting.

Volunteer Opportunities: None at this time.

Horticultural Inquiries: No report.

Seed Issues: Kevin explained that there isn't really a seed shortage for 2021 but with the explosion of new gardeners during the pandemic, logistics of getting seeds to the marketplace throughout the world is the problem. New regulations have been put in place to ensure seeds are of good quality and some retailers are hoarding supply by ordering huge amounts.

Roseann is asking for volunteers to adopt parts of the garden to ensure all areas get adequate maintenance. Kevin indicated that we will have a garden manager again this year.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. CST.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Studley
Secretary