

**NORTH COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS  
MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING  
25 Mar 2021**

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

Those present on Zoom included Roseann, Donna Amidon, Pam Davies, Sue Reinardy, Terri Johnson, Linda Anderson, Jill Fries, Vicki Gee-Treft, Janet Mangold, Deb Studley and Lorraine Toman.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made by Sue and seconded by Donna to approve the February 25, 2021, minutes. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Roseann gave the treasurer's report. The beginning of March balance was \$1,283.64. \$553.42 was spent on materials for seed starting, the Wisconsin Corporation filing fee and the sensory garden leaving a balance of \$730.22.

**Seed Starting and Greenhouse Updates:** Roseann reported that the greenhouse should be up and running in April. She has five volunteers to start seeds. Russ received seed donations from a long-time Twilight Garden Tour participant in honor of his wife which will be planted in a pinwheel garden plot. Phil has approved preliminary changes to the garden layout and will report at the next meeting. The sensory garden will be planted this year and Roseann would like help with maintenance. Nancy Reis has offered to help with the children's garden.

**Teaching and Display Garden Planning:** We anticipate having an intern for the summer and would like that person to be responsible for the vegetable plots. Volunteers will be needed for planting, signage, weeding and watering of the AAS pinwheel gardens, Monarch and Pollinator Sanctuary Garden, Children's Garden and Sensory Garden.

**NCMGV Handbook Update:** The updated handbook including the recent By-Law amendments will be mailed by USPS in April. Thank you to Sue who is donating the printing and mailing costs.

**Website, Blogs and Facebook:** Jill Fries and Pam Davies have submitted blog articles and Sue has shared information on educational opportunities through Zoom and webinars provided by MGV organizations as well as UW-Madison, Division of Extension.

**Online Reporting System:** Two NCMGV's still need to register online by the deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup> to be registered and be able to submit hours.

<https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/report-your-hours/>

**By-Law Amendments:** Roseann provided the amended By-Laws for approval. A motion was made by Janet Mangold and seconded by Jill Fries to accept the amendments which were approved by the Board of Directors. No discussion. Motion carried.

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**Application to be Non-Stock Corporation:** An application has been completed for the NCMGV to become a non-stock corporation and be registered with the State of Wisconsin. The treasurer will file every year and pay the annual fee. A postcard will also be completed for the IRS. Effective March 25, 2021.

**Notice of filing Application for Exemption from WI State Sales Tax:** As a non-profit organization that has occasional sales (our plant sale). Roseann completed the form and will submit it to Madison.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Need to disinfect planting trays and some pots in the potato shed. A seed starting Zoom presentation will be provided April 15<sup>th</sup> for the "Relatives as Parents" group.

**Horticultural Inquiries:** Linda received one inquiry on crab apples.

**Continuing Education – What's On-boarding Lite?** Amy Freidig recommends that all MGVS take this new online training that teaches all about the MGVS program. It is free to current volunteers and if completed, will count as 10 CE hours. Focus on what MGVS can do and where we can volunteer. More information to come on how to access the training.

Phil will be available for the next meeting April 22, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Deb will be traveling that day and if not able to connect to Zoom, Sue Reinardy or Jill Fries will take minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Studley  
Secretary