

**NORTH COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Present were: Jessie Crane, Kimberly Kayler, Terri Johnson, Jill Washkuhn, Roseann Meixelsperger, Janet Mangold, Jill Fries and Deb Studley.

January Meeting Minutes: Two corrections were made to the minutes.

- Under WIMGA Update: Mike Maddox recently announced he would be leaving his position as UW-Extension, Horticulture Outreach Program Manager. Beginning in 2022, Jay Dampier will assume the position as Outreach Program Manager and Kimberly Miller will be Program Coordinator.
- Plant Sale Update: The plant sale pick-up date was set for May 21, 2022, not May 16th.

Janet Mangold made a motion, seconded by Roseann to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jill Washkuhn reported a beginning balance of \$738.16, additions of \$2,204.00 and refunds of \$44.00, leaving a balance of \$2,898.16.

WIMGA Update: Janet reported that Jay Dampier is providing more educational opportunity information through webinars and Zoom and is working with WIMGA President, Marilyn Gorham toward better communication.

Plant Sale Update: Roseann reported that we are mostly sold out with only some peppers left. The pre-order sale went well. Jill Fries, Roseann and Russ will be starting seeds. The seed starting committee will help later when plants are transplanted into larger pots and need watering, fertilization and air circulation attention. Jill F. has traffic cones and safety vests available for the plant sale pick-up day on May 21st. A sign-up schedule will be made to allow for moving plants from the station to the parking lot in Spooner, boxing up the plants by order and distributing plants to the buyers. The pick up time is 8:00 a.m. to noon. Roseann asked MGV's to start saving boxes for the plant sale orders.

Teaching & Display Garden: Terri Johnson reported that a tree in the middle of the perennial garden will be cut down this spring. Volunteers are needed to help with maintenance and signage in the perennial garden, starting AAS plants, determining a theme and planting the pinwheel gardens. Nany Reis and Barb Boating will assist Roseann in the children's garden. A meeting will be scheduled with Kevin. Need volunteers for the Twilight Garden Tour. Kimberly Kayler, Jill Washkuhn, Jessie Crane and Donna have offered assistance.

NCMGVA Handbook Update, Blogs, Website and Facebook: No report

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Gary Dunsmoor made a request for assistance with a native plant project in the public space adjacent to the Railroad Museum in Spooner. Janet explained that the NCMGVA would be willing to work with the museum landscape subcommittee in the planning process.
- Nicki and Katie at the Spooner Library would like to start a seed saver section in the library and are working with Laura at LCO to provide a seed saving/planting seminar. Laura is requesting support from MGV's to provide information on seed saving, planting, cross pollination and basic gardening.

She also wants to know if we have seeds to donate or recommendations for where to obtain seeds. After discussion, we agreed to inform Laura that we do not have seeds to share and would be hesitant to recommend that people share their personal seeds for this project because of possible issues with cross pollination and disease. Jessie will respond to Laura at LCO.

- Community First – Washburn County is an organization that partners with other community organizations and businesses to identify and address community current and future needs to build a stronger, healthier and resilient community. The organization received grant money to construct and plant ten raised beds in different locations in Washburn County and would like assistance from NCMGVA on planting and caring for vegetable raised beds. Jessie Crane will contact them again to explain our role in community education and find out how we can assist them.

Continuing Education: Jill Fries will work on identifying appropriate 30 minute continuing education presentations with Q & A that can be included at the end of our monthly meetings.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deb Studley
Secretary