

**NORTH COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
22 OCT 2020**

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

Present were Roseann, Donna Amidon, Terri Johnson, Jessie Crane, Pam Davies, Sue Reinardy, Jill Fries, Jill Washkuhn, Linda Anderson, Deb Studley, Vicki Gee-Treft and Lorraine Toman.

The secretary's report of September 24, 2020, was approved as written.

Roseann reported that the checkbook balance is \$1,088.64 per Barb Boatman.

Plant Sale Issues: Roseann has submitted a request to UW-Madison, Division of Extension for a 2021 spring plant sale which would operate as pre-order and pre-pay only with pick-up outside the Ag. Station building. Decision later on selling 6-pack pollinator plants. Roseann also submitted a request for the seed-starting activities which would begin in February 2021. Three to four bundles of pro-mix was purchased for 2020 and is available for starting tomato & pepper seeds. All activities depend on approval of the requests.

Budget 2021: The final budget for 2021 includes \$4,435 estimated income and \$3,737 estimated expense. If the plant sale is not approved, the porta-potty will not be ordered as the cost for 2020 was \$560.00. WIMGA is not waiving dues for 2020. Roseann's \$400.00 grant request to WIMGA for a sensory garden was approved.

MGV Training: Sue Reinardy reported MGV training will continue as before (online). The certification part would be handled separately at the local level. A passing score on a state-wide exam will also be required.

Reporting Hours: Because of Covid-19, MGV's only need to report a minimum of 10 CE hours for 2020. The deadline is now changed to December 31st each year. All reporting is online <https://wimastergardener.org/report-your-hours>.

Website, Blogs and Facebook: We can keep our presence out there by utilizing these online options. Roseann may do a video segment on hydroponics in January. Linda Anderson has a presentation on winter seed starting she can share and will work with Roseann on best way to present. Linda also can give a pollinator presentation in March. Pam suggested we develop a seed-starting video for the plant sale which would get publicity out there for the sale. Lorraine will provide technical assistance.

Garden Harvesting & Maintenance: Roseann thanked all who helped on October 6th to clean up the gardens, collect & organize signage, pull up and store hoses and clean out the shed. Russ moved benches up to the sheep barn and Roseann cleaned up the greenhouse. Roseann also inventoried the greenhouse, shed and sheep barn.

WIMGA: Roseann reported that WIMGA will be setting a special meeting to assist local associations learn how to become legal entities which is now a requirement. All local association grant requests were approved by WIMGA. By-Law changes will be publicized in a newsletter. The current WIMGA president has served three years and cannot run again. The Vice-President does not want to come President so volunteers are needed.

Horticulture Inquiries: Linda Anderson has been fielding calls and providing information to people. One of her referrals was a woman calling from Indiana!

Volunteer Opportunities: All committees need volunteers to keep them viable. Discussion was held on recruiting volunteers for chairing and serving on the following committees:

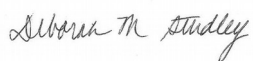
- Children and Youth Programs
- Communications to Public and Members
- Community Event Coordinator
- Horticulture Inquiries
- May Plant Sale
- New Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program
- Publicity and Marketing
- Seed Starting, Saving and Plant Maintenance
- Signage
- Speakers' Bureau Overview
- Teaching and Display Garden/AAS
- WIMGA representative

The Board will meet in November, 2020 via Zoom and telephone.

The next membership meeting will be January 21, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom and telephone.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. CST.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Studley
Secretary