

**NORTH COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 24, 2021**

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

Those present included: Lorraine Toman, Kevin Schweissow, Roseann Meixelsperger, Donna Amidon, Jill Schmalz-Washkuhn, Sue Reinardy, Barb Boatman, Jill Fries, Vicki Gee-Treft, Linda Anderson, Janet Mangold, Ed Jacobsen, Pam Davies and Deb Studley.

**Secretary's Report:** A correction was made to the May 27, 2021, minutes to add Roseann's name to the list of people responsible for the Childrens' Garden. Jill Fries made a motion to accept the correction and the minutes were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Barb Boatman reported a bank balance of \$1,285.22. The report was approved as submitted.

**Board Matters:** We will need a new Vice-President, Treasurer and one Board member for next year. Nominations will be in August with elections in September. New positions will be effective January, 2022. Linda Anderson volunteered to fill the opening for Board member. Vice-President and Treasurer positions still need to be filled.

**Audit Committee:** Jill Fries volunteered to audit the check book records which will take place in July or August.

**Teaching & Display Garden Planting:**

- The garden was planted June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- A meeting was held on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> for the MAPS bed adopters.
- Cynde Kleven has volunteered to help in the Sensory Garden.
- Paid staff will be responsible for watering Monday – Thursday each week.
- Volunteers are needed for weekend watering Friday – Sunday (depending on rain) through the second week of September.
- Naomi Fogelberg volunteered to water every other weekend.
- It takes about two hours to water all areas - Saturdays would be preferable.
- Roseann will develop a watering schedule spreadsheet.

**Website, Blogs, and Facebook:**

- Sue Reinardy submitted a blog post on swallowtail butterfly larva and their host plant parsley.
- A blog post was submitted highlighting the current blooms in the MAPS garden and inviting people to visit.
- A blog posting on June 28<sup>th</sup> featured Sensory Gardens.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Family Fest in Spooner was well attended. Seeds and pots were distributed.
- The NCMGV tri-fold table display needs updating and replacement.
- The relatives as parents group has requested a garden tour on August 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:30 AM. Volunteers needed.

**Horticulture Inquiries:**

- Linda Anderson received inquiries about carpenter ants above a porch. The person was referred to a fact sheet developed by P.J. Liesch, of the UW-Madison Insect Diagnostic Lab.
- A question about an emerald ash borer turned out to really be a blister beetle. A fact sheet from the U of Minnesota was used.

**Twilight Garden Tour:**

- The date has been set for August 24<sup>th</sup>
- Need committee
- Need to get publicity out – Vicki suggested getting information to the Visitor Services agency in Spooner
- Press release and posters – Sue Reinardy
- Speakers needed
  - DNR Forest Warden
  - Degner's from former Bashaw Gardens
  - Other local speakers addressing concerns of area gardeners
- Volunteers needed to set up tents and chairs
- Volunteers to man a check-in table to register participants and comply with Covid-19 outdoor event guidelines issued by the UW-Madison Extension Master Gardener Program Office.
- Contact Lion's Club to assist with parking or need volunteers
- Horticultural inquiry table – Linda Anderson. Suggestion made to ask Linda Zillmer.
- Signage – Vicki Gee-Treft
- Porta potty amenity
- People to provide information at each garden area
- No food tasting
- Abide by current Covid-19 Safety Policies which may change later in the summer

**WIMGA:**

- Janet reported that the committee structure is being streamlined
- Mike Maddox is back in his office
- A pause has been put in place on the Memo of Understanding (MOU) requirement

**Master Gardener Spring Training:**

- Jill Fries will coordinate
- Contact Mike Maddox or Amy Freidig on new training protocol
- Sue Reinardy reported that it will be 100% online training beginning in 2022 using the CANVAS platform through UW-Madison
- Pilot counties are working on the process

**Open MGV discussion:**

- Suggestion to provide photo ops for garden visitors (with required release form) to be posted on Facebook page.

**Next meeting:**

- Scheduled for Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- Will try to meet in the garden unless there is bad weather in the forecast – then Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,



Deb Studley  
Secretary