

**NORTH COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 24, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Jill Fries via Zoom at 5:30 p.m.

Those online included: Jill Fries, Roseann Meixelsperger, Jessica Crane, Sue Reinardy, Vicki Gee-Treft, Janet Mangold, Jill Washkuhn and Deb Studley.

Meeting minutes of February 24, 2022, were corrected to include Vicki Gee-Treft who joined by phone and the person who volunteered to contact Laura at LCO regarding a seed saving presentation at the Spooner Library was Jill Fries, not Jessica Crane. Minutes were approved with corrections.

No additions to the agenda.

Update to the request by Laura for a presentation at the Spooner Library:

- Jill Fries will provide a composting presentation on April 20th
- Russ will provide a seed-saving presentation on June 8th

Treasurer's Report: Jill Washkuhn reported a bank balance of \$3,191.16, subject to audit.

WIMGA Update:

- WIMGA is providing speakers via Zoom for educational opportunities and sharing more information with Presidents and Treasurers
- WIMGA has purchased ZOOM PRO to reach larger audiences

Plant Sale Update:

- Only a few pepper plants are still available – everything else is sold out.
- Sue reported 534 online visits to our web page regarding the plant sale
- Any boxes saved for the sale can be stored at the sheep barn
- Jill sent out a sign-up request for Friday, May 20th and Saturday, May 21st to sort and pack the plant sale orders on Friday and to transport and distribute plants at the Spooner site on Saturday the 21st.

Teaching & Display Garden 2022

- Perennial beds – Terry Johnson
 - Tree to be removed with replacement planting
- Children's Garden contact – Roseann Meixelsperger
 - Proposed game theme
- Pinwheel gardens – Vicki Gee-Treft
 - Proposed themes for each garden to reflect leisure activities of the area
 - Water sports, rodeo, hiking trails, hunting, photo board for selfies
 - Need to start AAS seeds – main greenhouse will be available April 15th.
 - MGV's are allowed 2/3 of the greenhouse bench space
 - The pop-up greenhouse (unheated) will be available when all danger of frost is past.
- Twilight Garden Tour – Committee met and would like to entertain moving the tour to Saturday instead of evening "Twilight".

NCMGVA Handbook Updates: Sue reported the booklet is being printed and would soon be sent U.S. mail.

Website, blogs and Facebook:

- Kimberly Kayler has volunteered to set up a NCMGVA Facebook page
- Sue is scheduling blog posts weekly as they come in
- Sue plans to submit a blog post on the 2022 AAS winners

Online Reporting (ORS)

- The ORS (Online Reporting System) is now functional for reporting volunteer hours. <https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/report-your-hours>.
- Before reporting; however, you must complete the onboarding course accessible through the online classroom called CANVAS located at <https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/2021/03/16/using-canvas>
- Need to complete new background check or verify you already completed it.
- Certified MGVA's must complete volunteer requirements each year
- If volunteering for extension-related opportunities, must abide by their UW-Extension requirements.
- If volunteering for another organization, it must be an organization that meets UW-Extension requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities: Nothing new

Horticultural Inquiries: None reported

Continuing Education Presentations: Jill Fries attempt to schedule presentations on oak wilt, buckthorn or landscape design.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 28th at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,



Deb Studley
Secretary