

**NORTH COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS
MINUTES OF MEETING 25 AUG 2016**



At 4:00 PM a meeting to review the Twilight Garden Tour was held.

Present were Russ Parker, Nancy Reis, Carol Taylor, KD Childs, Tony Webber, Deb Studley, and Sue Reinardy.

Issues discussed:

- Good weather and good turnout
- Make it attractive for younger people to attend
- Need more involvement from MGV's
- MGV's need to attend planning meetings
- Individuals assigned to specific areas need to attend planning meetings and take full responsibility for that area.
- Possibly get assistance from local Boy Scout or Girl Scout groups
- Next year the NOVIC vegetable trials will be moved to the field north of the wood lot
- Need to think of what would be planted in the south end of the garden replacing NOVIC trials
- Russ suggested sensory garden for kids utilizing the six senses and spatial concepts
- Get the flier available earlier so it can be posted in a wider area outside Spooner or newspaper subscribers
- Inform local garden clubs, Hunt Hill, local churches, etc.

The monthly meeting was called to order at 5:12 PM by President Russ Parker. People joining included Terri Johnson, Janet Mangold, Carolyn Marquardt and Payton Ertl.

Secretary's Report: Meeting minutes from the July 28, 2016, were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Russ reported for Barb Boatman that the checking account balance was \$1,598.42

Committee Reports:

Twilight Garden Tour Overview by Nancy Reis:

- Split up speakers between station and garden
- Schedule speakers earlier
- Garden books not needed
- Move tasting tents back to the west to give more room for walking
- Invite people from your area
- Invite garden clubs
- Add banners above each table to identify
- Larger print road signage
- All workers need to have a map of the area and list of stations
- Russ suggested trying a Saturday tour

Old Business:

- NCMGV brochure is complete and in electronic form – will be printed as needed for fairs, events, etc.
 - Decision to get 200 printed now at White Birch Printing in Spooner
 - Brochure available on the NCMGV website at www.northcountrymgv.org
- August 2nd - 4-H youth visited the demonstration garden on August 2nd with Payton & Hannah as tour guides and Hayward Garden Club met at the station for their monthly meeting then toured the garden

New Business:

- Julie Dawson of UW-Madison
 - To speak with area farmers who grow organic vegetables
 - An area chef has also been invited
- Timesheets due to Kevin before end of September – October 1st deadline to Madison
- A scholarship in memory of Chris Weyh is being set up by her family for graduating seniors of Spooner who plan to major in the field of either horticulture or meteorology

Educational & Volunteer Opportunities:

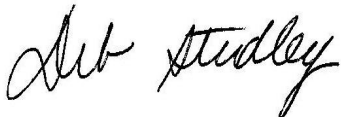
- September 10th – Meet Me In The Garden Series 10:00 – noon
 - Presenters will cover changes in the garden for pollinators, shoreline restoration, butterfly organizations. Handouts will be available.
- Still need volunteers for Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Ag. Station for horticultural inquiries
- Upper Midwest Region Master Gardener Conference, September 14-17, Wisconsin Dells

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM

Next meeting is Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 5:00 PM at the Ag. Station.

- Slate of nominees to be voted on for Vice President, Secretary and three director positions.

Respectfully submitted,



Deb Studley
Secretary