

NORTH COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS MINUTES 27 JUL 2017

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by President, Janet Mangold.

Those in attendance included: Janet Mangold, Russ Parker, Roseann Meixelsperger, Lorraine Toman, Mitch Shellito, Nikki Halverson, Cindy Lawson, Carol Taylor, Carla TePaske, Nancy Reis, Yvonne Koch-Proctor, Barb Boatman, Deb Studley, Terri Johnson, Donna Amidon, Kevin Schoessow and Sheila Squires.

The meeting started with #5 on the agenda - New Business - Twilight Garden Tour

Went down the list of tasks for a progress check:

- Speakers - P. J. Liesch, Brian Hudelson, Brian Smith
- PA system - Kevin & Russ
- Tables/chairs - Russ/station employees
- Supplies - Barb & Lorraine will determine what needs to be purchased
- Garden signage and pepper roasting - Sharon Tarras
- Recycling, trash, potable water - Terri Johnson
- Photographers - Otto, Kevin, Terri
- Welcome Table - Vicki Gee-Treft and helpers
- Parking signage and volunteers - Vicki Gee-Treft
- Grass cutting/watering if needed - Brent/station
- Speaker name tags - Lorraine
- Tomato tasting - Carol Taylor, Carolyn Marquardt, Yvonne Koch-Proctor (bring knives & cutting boards)
- Salsa tasting - Nancy Reis, Barb Boatman, Deb Studley
- Deb will purchase 2-pocket folders to be distributed from the welcome table - Deb will fill folders with materials on August 10th about 1:00 PM at the station.
 - Agenda - Lorraine
 - Map of gardens (already printed) and map of grounds (Russ & Terri) to be printed by Lorraine.
 - Evaluation (Janet will submit to Lorraine for printing)
 - MJV information sheets - Janet will request information sheets about neonicitoids
 - Milkweed seed packets - Janet has a supply
 - Salsa recipe (Deb will submit to Lorraine for printing)
 - List of resources for gardeners - Deb will develop a list
 - Sheila will make a box for evaluations
- Russ discussed using the big tent in case of rain. Get a supply of chairs.
- A motion was made by Barb Boatman, seconded by Carol Taylor to purchase two canopies with a cost not to exceed \$300. Motion approved.
- Mitch will pick up the gas grill at Terri Johnson's house.
- Parking may be north of the garden if the crop is cut. If not, parking will be across the street in the area where sheep were kept.
- Publicity - PSA's in newspapers and radio, posters, Lorraine will email the poster to all on the listserve.
- Salsa making at Barb Boatman's on Monday, August 14th - Barb, Nancy, Terri, Deb
- Invite the Spooner Garden Club to man a table and provide a display.
- Invite Arthur Collins to represent the Farm to School program.
- Deb will call and arrange for a porta-potty to be delivered.
- John Stensvold will replace pergola and build new benches.
- Mitch will not be available August 3 - 13th.
- Recap of TGT - at August 24th NCMGV meeting
- **Russ recommended that volunteers meet at the garden on Thursday, August 10th at 3:00 PM to go over logistics and make final plans. This would also be a good opportunity to complete weeding.**

Back to the meeting agenda.

The minutes of the June 22, 2017 were corrected to add Janet's name to the list of those who planted the AAS gardens. Motion by Donna, seconded by Roseann to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Barb reported a checking account balance of \$2,833.60

Old Business:

- Review of Meet Me In The Garden July 13th - good responses from those who attended.
- Needs of AAS and MAPS gardens - weeding & signage
- Children's garden - After discussion with Kevin, Roseann and Mark Fox recommend not going forward with the proposed idea as there would be quite a cost for materials, there are no resources to keep it maintained, and it doesn't fit into the vision of the Ag. Research station. The property is owned by the University of Wisconsin and there is no guarantee as to how long the area can be used by the NCMGV. Janet made a motion to put the children's garden idea on hold and return the \$250 WIMGA grant money we received for the project. Seconded by Nancy Reis. Motion approved.
- The area that was prepared for the children's garden can be used for another purpose. Anyone with an idea can write up a concept for future development and submit it to the NCMGV board.

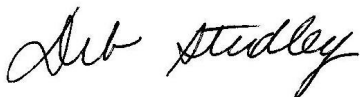
Educational/Volunteer Opportunities:

- Donna Amidon suggested visiting the gardens at the Forts Folle Avione. See more information at <http://www.theforts.org>.
- Other opportunities are listed on our website <http://www.northcountrymgv.org>
- **Meet at the garden on Thursday, August 10th at 3:00 PM** to go over logistics and make final plans for the Twilight Garden Tour.
- Come out to the gardens at any time and weed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM after a motion and second by Roseann and Barb.

Next meeting - Thursday, August 24th - 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Deb Studley
Secretary