

**NORTH COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER
MINUTES OF MEETING
28 JUL 2016**

The meeting was called to order at the Spooner Ag. Station by President, Russ Parker at 5:05 PM.

Those in attendance included: Terri Johnson, Katie Childs, Barb Boatman, Nancy Reis, Russ Parker, Kevin Schoessow, Deb Studley, Terrie Strand, Payton Ertl, Janet Mangold and Carolyn Marquardt.

Minutes of the June 23, 2016, meeting were approved as written.

Barb Boatman reported a checking account balance of \$2,320.97 with an outstanding bill to pay of \$200.00.

Committee Reports:

- **Education & Schools:**
 - Representatives from area public school gardens will be present at the Twilight Garden Tour.

- **Teaching & Display Garden:**
 - Payton sprayed the tomatoes with fungicide for blight.
 - The perennial garden has a new name and signage – Monarch and Pollinator Sanctuary (MAPS).
 - Official monarch waystation designation and signage.
 - The AAS gardens are planted – four beds have pollinator designs. Laminated signage will be added.
 - Need to deadhead and weed the AAS beds – August 4th at 2:00 PM
 - A questionnaire for the AAS garden will be designed & submitted with AAS garden design contest materials.
 - A speaker symposium will be held the day of the Twilight Garden Tour beginning at 1:00 PM at the Spooner Ag. Station. Invited speakers will give presentations on herb uses beyond the culinary, common pollinators in the garden, tips for selecting the right vegetable variety, dragonflies in your garden and growing & harvesting peaches, apricots and other fruits in containers.
 - Recommendation to start working on speakers for next year at the close of this year's event.
 - There will be no garden books printed.
 - Handouts will include a layout of the garden, descriptions of each area of interest, the location of tasting and information/display tables.
 - The "gate to nowhere" will be removed.
 - Need help with parking and more volunteers to help with the TGT.
 - Next TGT committee meeting August 4th at 4:00 PM

- **Old Business:**
 - Nancy & Russ visited local Head Start program for children 4-11 years old at the request of the director who would like to develop a partnership with NCMGV to assist her with teaching the children about growing vegetables in raised beds.
 - The Meet Me In The Garden series held on July 12th was well attended. Presentations were given by Sue Reinardy, Lori Sumner, Payton Ertl and Hannah Meister. Good reviews were given by participants.
 - The latest draft of the NCMGV brochure was presented by Janet Mangold. She will be working with Lorraine on the final updates.
 - NCMGV made a \$75 donation to WIMGA to help defray costs of the WIMGA Conference in Wisconsin Dells September 16-17.
 - Newsletter articles are due to Julie Hustvet by July 30th.
 - The Spooner Elementary summer school class toured the display garden on June 29th and planted raised beds with Payton and Hannah.
 - Payton hosted a tour of the display garden with a group of women from the A & H area on July 16th.

- **New Business:**
 - The next Meet Me In The Garden series will be September 10th from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. The presentations will include information on citizen scientists, plant habitat for monarchs and other pollinators and a review of the 2016 growing season and learned experiences in the garden. Volunteers are needed for presentations.
 - Barb Boatman and Hannah Meister volunteered to judge the wheelbarrow flower displays at the Washburn County Fair on July 31st.

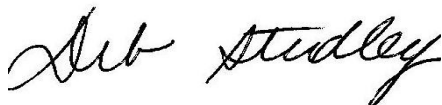
- **Educational & Volunteer Opportunities:**
 - August 2nd – 9:30 AM – Noon, 4-H kids from St. Croix County on a two-day trip and will visit the garden and sheep operation.
 - August 2nd – Hayward Garden Club will hold their monthly meeting at the Ag. Station at 1:00 PM then tour the display garden.
 - Kevin & Brian Smith will visit with area commercial fruit growers on August 4th.
 - September 10th – Meet Me In The Garden Series – volunteers needed. Contact Sue Reinardy at sreinardy@centurytel.net
 - August 16th – Speaker symposium at the Spooner Ag. Station beginning at 1:00 PM
 - August 16th – Twilight Garden Tour 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 - Responding to horticultural inquiries – volunteers needed to answer calls on Tuesday and Thursdays at the Spooner Ag. Station.
 - Carolyn Marquardt requested help at Fort Folle Avione with cleaning up the storage shed and planting lilies in the area around the roadside sign. It was recommended that Carolyn contact master gardeners through the listserv email service at mastergardenvolunteers@lists.wisc.edu.

A motion was made by Katie Childs and seconded by Nancy Reis to provide Payton and Hannah with \$100.00 gift cards in appreciation for their excellent work in the demonstration gardens this year. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be August 25th at 5:00 PM at the Spooner Ag. Station.

Respectfully submitted,



Deb Studley
Secretary