

North Country Master Gardeners / NCMGVA Membership Meeting April 23,2020 held via ZOOM

Attendees:

Lorraine Toman, Russ Parker, Sandy & Laird Niewinski, Deb Studley, Roseann Meixelsperger, Donna Amidon, Janet Mangold, Pam Davies, Kevin Schoessow, Yvonne Koch-Proctor, Lynn Ford, Sue Reinardy, Ed Jacobsen

A March Meeting was not held. Minutes from the February membership meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: April's Beginning Balance was \$2,707.06 and the Ending Balance was \$2,649.58.

A Nomination was made to have Barb Boatman replace deceased Treasurer Patricia Johnson. Barb will fill the remaining Treasurer's term which will expire 2021. A motion to accept Barb as treasurer was made by Donna and seconded by Sue. The motion carried and our new Treasurer is Barb Boatman going forward. Barb Boatman, Treasurer, Roseanne Meixelsperger, President and Amanda Kupsch, Vice President will be signers on the Bank of the West checking account.

It was suggested that MG's begin making YouTube video's on garden topics to fulfil our mission of educating the public. Lorraine can edit the videos and put them on our website. By doing this, the public will know we are still around and are still available for education, just in a different format.

The UW waived our volunteer requirements for this year, however we are still required to do our 10 hours of continuing education.

Russ talked about the AAS seeds that have been started. We are still getting our AAS plants from Madison and will need to plant and maintain the garden to keep our momentum. We will have to come up with a volunteer sign up schedule for working in the garden to maintain social distancing requirements.

Kevin talked about the grapes being in great shape and that he has been working on them. He and Phil marked what will be removed to shorten the rows to make room for the new beds that will be added on the end. Hops are in the greenhouse and will be planted in the display garden next week. Seed to kitchen hired Sam to take care of their stuff this year. He may have extra time to work on the donation plantings and possibly even the display garden. Maybe we could plant more of the teaching & display garden as food (Victory Garden).

Roseann stated that we will probably not start the sensory garden until next year.

We are not participating in the AAS contest this year. The theme is "Make an Entrance".

Per Donna, It has not been definitely decided if the Twilight Garden Tour will be cancelled this year.

Sue needs material for the websites and blogs. We could do Master Gardener Presents as a ZOOM session.

Our next meeting will be held 5/28/2020 at 5:30pm

Prepared by Lynn Ford, Secretary

