

NCMGVA Monthly Meeting August 27th, 2020 via Zoom

Attendees: Roseann Meixelsperger, Sandy Niewinski, Terri Johnson, Jessie Crane, Donna Amidon, Jill Fries, Pam Davies, Linda Anderson, Vicki Gee-Treft, Deb Studley, Loraine Toman and Kevin Schoessow.

Secretary Report: July 23rd meeting minutes were approved by Vicki, 2nd by Donna

Treasurer's Report: Checking account balance is \$1,439.52 reported by Roseann in Barb's absence. Approved by Linda, second by Sandy. Roseann stated she and Barb will meet next week to discuss 2021 budget recommendations, and status of our current budget.

MGV Training – There is nothing being scheduled for the rest of the year. Linda Anderson will be targeting a training on Pollinator Plants for late winter (2021)

Garden Harvesting & Maintenance: Continuing harvesting on Wednesday mornings 9-11 m. Sandy will send out a Doodle invitation to find the best date for MGV's to put the garden to rest. Kevin has an interview on 9/29 with Badger Talk live in the gardens and is requesting we clean up the garden after that date.

Twilight Tour – Donna thanked everyone involved for our first ever virtual TT. The on-site videos by our MGVs, Garden Manager, Seed to Kitchen, and FoodWise, as well as the ZOOM meeting with UW speakers were terrific, and are available online for viewing 24/7. Consensus that it was an innovative way to get our horticultural info and gardens tour out to all during these COVID times. Lorraine will compile the surveys received and report back to us next month with those results.

Website & Blogs –The focus has been on the Twilight Tour for the past month.

WIMGA: Roseann reported on the Changes to WI Master Gardener Programs provided in the Volunteer Vibe this month by Mike Maddox. Please read this for details on requirements to update our bylaws in 2021 incorporating changes to become a legal entity recognized by the State of WI; Follow UW-Madison's policy on General Signature Authority; Limit association membership to only individuals completing Extension vetting process- that would be the Enrollment in the volunteer onboarding and other changes. WIMGA may have an October meeting TBD.

Volunteer Opportunities: Garden cleanup (date and time TBD), and Wednesday morning weekly harvesting of produce for Food Shelves, Senior Centers, and LCO.

Officer Nominations: Roseann presented the slate of Officers per our by-laws. Election will be in September at our Annual Meeting. Continuing officers are Barb Boatman, Treasurer thru 2021 and Sandy Niewinski, Board Member thru 2021. Lynn Ford, Secretary will run for her second consecutive 2-year term thru 2022. Roseann, President will run for another 1-year term thru 2021. New candidates are Pam Davies, Vice President for a 1-year term thru 2021; Jessie Crane and Jill Fries as Board Members each for a 2-year term thru 2022. Vicki noted that terms are staggered intentionally.

Miscellaneous:

Resignation: Russ Parker has resigned. Russ was our President for 4 years and has been very actively involved with us for years. Russ has offered to help transition the new Seed Saving, Greenhouse, Garden Design, Training of new MGVs and other areas he was involved into our new teams. We thank

Russ for his guidance, knowledge, and hard work thru the years. We plan on having a meeting off site with Russ to document info for future use.

Digitizing Documentation: Roseann requested we scan in the Plant Sale binder, Twilight Tour binder, and any other documents that we may need in a centralized location. Lorraine offered to help set up a Google Drive for us to store these documents in. The Board will work on this project over the winter.

Horticultural Inquiries: Linda stated we are receiving many inquiries from the public. Linda noted that in addition to the calls she is handling Kevin has been taking a lot of the calls. Roseann is taking lawn and weed calls, Sue is taking flower calls. We can always use more volunteers willing to take the time and do the research. If you are interested in helping, please contact Linda.

MGV Nikki H requests a donation to build school garden raised beds: Roseann stated with our lack of a Plant Sale this year (our only revenue generator), and the fact this is not in our mission statement to fund projects, she doesn't believe we can support this request at this time. In the past, funding was provided for MGV candidates to pay for their books and/or educational materials. MGV request to ask for a budget for this project, and specific items needed and table to our September meeting.

Change to Calendar Year Reporting The calendar year for reporting hours/activities will be changing from September 30th to December 31st. For 2020 – we have until December 31, 2020 to report hours. For this year of course, MGVs are only required to have 10 hours of CE (but are also encouraged to report any volunteer hours).

Minutes submitted by Roseann

Our next meeting will be held September 24th, 2020 at 5:30 pm via Zoom