

**NORTH COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Jill Fries, at 5:39 p.m. via Zoom.

Attendance: Jill Fries, Jessie Crane, Jill Washkuhn, Janet Mangold, Terri Johnson, Donna Amidon, Linda Zillmer, Linda Anderson, Vickie Gee-Treft, Sue Reinary, Roseann Meixelsperger, Deb Studley and Kevin Schoessow.

Previous Minutes: A motion was made by Donna, seconded by Vicki to approve the October 28, 2021, minutes. Motion approved.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Jill Washkuhn reported a beginning balance of \$1093.56. A recent expenditure of \$165.51 was made by Roseann for seeds to start for the plant sale leaving a balance of \$928.05. Jill Fries opened a post office box for six months and donated the cost. The P.O. Box will be used for the plant sale pre-paid order system.

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WIMGA Update:

- Roseann and Janet will continue to attend WIMGA Board Meetings.
- Mike Maddox recently announced he would be leaving the WIMGA program with Jay Dampier and Kimberly Miller taking the lead in the program office into 2022.
- Completing Onboarding Lite is required for all MG volunteers who reported the required hours for 2021 to continue into 2022. 5 CE hours can be reported after completing.
- See the following website to find information on Onboarding Lite for 2022
<https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/2021/12/08/changes-to-wisconsin-master-gardener-programs/>
- UW-Wisconsin, Division of Extension is no longer providing liability insurance to volunteer master gardeners.
- Volunteers need to contact the organization where they volunteer to determine if liability insurance is available.
- WIMGA dues are \$5.00 per member which is due March 1st. Jill Fries suggested that all current members pay \$10.00 each with \$5.00 kept at the local level.
- Sue Reinary reported that half our local members did not report hours in 2021; therefore, would not be eligible to continue as certified members of NCMGVA.

Plant Sale Update:

- A committee met by Zoom on January 20, 2022.
- May 16, 2022, was decided as the plant sale date.
- Pre-ordered, pre-paid sale only – drive through pick up in parking area north of Canoe Museum
- Roseann designed a form to be completed and submitted with payment to our P.O. Box.
- Jill Fries applied to the city of Spooner to use the parking area north of the Canoe Museum. The request was approved and city police will provide traffic control.
- Jill will determine the number of volunteers, tables and pop-up tents needed.
- Roseann purchased seeds for six varieties of tomatoes and peppers and six-packs of pollinator plants and herbs.
- No local greenhouses have extra bench space so Roseann will approach Phil for permission to order a 15' X 7' X 7' pop-up greenhouse at a cost of \$180.00 to locate next to the station greenhouse. A motion was made, seconded and approved to give Roseann permission to make the purchase if approved by Phil.

Teaching and Display Garden 2022: Need a point person to set up a committee to determine the needs of the garden areas. Terri Johnson volunteered to lead and Roseann will assist. Anyone interested in helping, contact Terri Johnson.

NCMGV Handbook: Discussion on continuing with a paper document or providing membership information by email. Sue will update the handbook.

Website, Blogs and Facebook: The plant sale order form will be publicized on our <http://www.northcountrymgv.org> website and possibly on the Ag. Station Facebook page. Other suggestions for publicizing the sale were to submit an ad to the Spooner Advocate and the Dryden Wire, other community locations such as Washburn County Tourism, etc. and provide forms at local libraries.

Online Reporting System: Sue Reinardy will send out instructions again about how to access the online Canvas program for training and reporting.

Volunteer Opportunities: Jessie Crane volunteered to be the point of contact for area events that would provide continuing education and volunteer opportunities.


Horticultural Inquiries: Linda Anderson agreed to continue with answering questions and providing fact sheets and research to help callers with with research-based information. Jill Fries volunteered to assist with vegetable calls, Janet with trees and shrubs and Roseann with lawn issues.

Continuing Education: Discussion on including continuing education sections to our monthly meetings. We need to ensure information comes from qualified individuals representing eligible entities according to UW-Extension, Division of Horticulture policy.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

The next meeting is February 24, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,



Deb Studley
Secretary