Feb 15, 2018 NCMGV Board and Officer Meeting Minutes

Present: Donna, Carol, Russ, Sheila

1. Chair persons for various committees: MGV Training committee/ Russ and ? co-chair; Children and Youth Program Committee/Roseann; Publicity and Marketing Committee/Kevin and all chairs of other committees. Each chair will be responsible for submitting items for publicity or marketing to Lorraine and Kevin.
2. Handbook: Sheila and others have given Sue feedback on the handbook (typos, etc). We decided Sue does not need to get the handbook ready by the Feb 22 NCMGV meeting. There are a number of issues that are still undecided such and the upcoming MGV training that need to be resolved before printing the handbook.
3. Vicki’s idea about having Spooner Girls Scouts take responsibility for one of the AAS beds this summer is a good possibility. She has contacted the Girl Scouts and they are interested. This could be part of our Children and Youth programming but also part of the AAS garden programming.
4. MGV training and recruitment for this spring: there are no applications in so far although Vicki has tried to contact persons who expressed interest in the past. Another press release was to go out via Lorraine this week. Flyers have been posted in a number of places. We could contact individual garden clubs to see if anyone is interested. We talked about what to do if we do not get enough applicants and decided we would go ahead with some CEU opportunities for our own NCMGV members this spring if there is no actual training. We can ask for ideas about what members would be interested in learning about at our Feb 22 meeting but would probably use some of the already organized presentations that were to be part of the training. We can also ask what days of the week and time of day members would like to do this. One popular topic is seed saving and starting. We could also add some opportunity for socialization at these classes.
5. WIMGA positions and donation for the WIMGA fall conference. Sheila pointed out that we contributed $75 for the fall conference in 2016 and 2017. We should vote on doing that again at our Feb 22 NCMGV meeting. Sue has also sent out an email asking for someone to write an article about our AAS gardens and history of what we do for our AAS gardens for the WIMGA newsletter. It needs to be submitted by late March. Roseann did send an email saying she would be interested in helping to write this article but would like another person to help her. Janet Mangold replied to Hali, the newsletter editor with the link to our website and information about the AAS garden. Also, Janet and Roseann did apply for the “at large” WIMGA rep position although Roseann withdrew after learning Janet had also applied for it. Sue is hoping someone will step up to become our own NCMGV rep to WIMGA this year. She is ready to give up this position. Katie Childs has agreed to be an alternate but not the rep. Katie wants to give a full report on her experience at the fall WIMGA conference at a future meeting, perhaps in April. We also talked about applying for a grant from WIMGA in the future and thought it could be an agenda item for the next meeting. We did get a grant from WIMGA for the children’s garden last year but gave it back after deciding we could not use it this year. Some ideas were to help pay for benches for our events in the garden and drip irrigation systems.
6. Agenda items for Feb 22 include finalizing our committees if possible, updating on the training program and other items mentioned above.
7. Russ talked about the Children and Youth program for this spring and summer. The plan is to have the children and youth take over the raised bed area adjacent to the AAS beds. The program would start with the Mini Master gardener event at Bashaw Nursery March 24 and then continue 1-2 times a month in the AAS gardens. Kids can help plant the raised beds and maintain them plus have some educational opportunities.
8. Another idea for the AAS garden beds is to have Cindy and Carla use one bed to raise the cutting flower plants that they can use for their presentation at the Twilight Garden Tour event.
9. There has been a request from Annie Lemers from 4 H to do another geocaching event in our AAS garden. Russ has been involved with this in the past and had some ideas about what we could hide. He had some ideas about making wooden “coins” with information about NCMGVs that could be hidden for kids and adults to find.
10. There was discussion about having a special Garden Club tour day in our AAS gardens this summer. We could invite area garden clubs to come to the event and plan a special event just for them. Carol and Katie Childs did such a tour for the Drummond garden club last August before the TGT. Some members came to the TGT as a result of the tour.

Submitted by Donna Amidon