

NCMGV Board and Officer Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2019

Present: Carol, Russ, Vicki, Sue R., Sheila and Roseann

- 1 **Monarch Collaborators**: Carol stated we will be listed as a resource.
- 2 **Webster School movable school hoop house**: Katie Childs will be on a committee for the Webster School, which has received a grant for their hoop house. Katie would like us to give some scholarship money to this project. Carol will place on general meeting agenda 1/24/19.
- 3 **Greenhouse Cleaning**: Linda Zillmer asked to talk about this at our general meeting. Carol will place her on the agenda. Sue will put the cleaning date on our web calendar for March.
- 4 **Spooner Farmer's Market**: Vicki stated there will be no charge for a booth if it's an educational focus. Discussion on giving away horticultural books, outdated manuals and information pamphlets. Starts the third Saturday in June. Need MGV's to staff the booth. Will be on 1/24 agenda.
- 5 **Volunteer Hours**: Electronic vs. manual. This month's Volunteer Vibe has a good article on the process. Who will help our non-PC MGV's? Consider creating a task force combining veteran MGV and trainees as was done in the past. Will discuss more at the 1/24 meeting.
- 6 **Horticultural Inquiries**: Vicki stated Linda Anderson has been our point person. Russ has been our plant id person for inquiries from the public.
- 7 **Training sign-up status; dates**: Vicki stated the Committee is meeting later today. We have 22 prospects currently. Will discuss details at the 1/24 meeting. Barron County is conducting a Fall MGV training. April 6th is the Barron County Spring Expo.
- 8 **Budget 2019**: Sheila reviewed projections. Discussion followed. Will move the 2019 Pump Capital Expense to the lower part of the budget for presentation to the 1/24 group as it's a "one time" expense, and we have carryover funds from 2018 to cover the cost. All else approved by the Board and Directors for presentation to the general meeting attendees.
- 9 **Kids in the Garden 2019**: Roseann stated new items are lowering the age of the children to 3 to 12 years of age vs. 5 to 14. Also eliminating the Wiggly Worms presentation as it's a duplication of the Composting We Go. Will instead offer Yoga in the Garden. Will also have a few scarecrows, and more intentional planting of the raised beds. Carol noted there is a Youth Conference in mid- July in Madison. Carol will get the dates to Roseann and the Children's Committee.

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- 10 **Bennett Garden Club visit 8/16/19**: Carol is volunteering to coordinate, needs one more MG. The Club will visit starting at 10 a.m.
- 11 **Plant Sale**: May 18th is the date. The Committee has been meeting since last October. Carol and Sheila stated new offerings will be herbs and canna bulbs. The perennial 6-pack will continue to be offered with a couple of changes in the offering, and milk weed will be presented separately. Informational brochures are being developed modeled on last years with photos. Jung provided a brochure on tomato blight, and they will ask for more to provide at the sale. Russ requests that instead of saving two (2) of each variety to plant in our display gardens, all plantings be sold this year. Sue will work on the Event Flyer and review the dates for planting, etc.
- 12 **Garden design**: A garden idea presented by Russ is “MGV favorites”, such as:
 - a. Straw bale gardening – Mark F.
 - b. Herb gardening – Cindy L. and Carla T.
 - c. Tomato trials - Russ
 - d. Wicking bed in the Children’s Garden area – Linda A., Russ & Roseann
 - e. Gro bags – Carol
 - f. Fragrant garden - RoseannRuss suggests the bed “owners” be present at Twilight Garden Tour to assist with questions.
- 13 **Mini-Master Gardeners**: Nancy Reis will Chair. Event will be 3/30 at Bashaw Valley Greenhouse.
- 14 **Parking & Event Signage**: Linda Zillmer will research and report back to the board.
- 15 **Twilight Garden**: Vicki has asked Donna Amidon to Chair the event this year.
- 16 **WisLine Anytime**: Charge is \$3/hour/line. Being used in conjunction with Zoom, a web-based product.
- 17 **Visiting Community Groups**: Vicki stated Burnett County 4-H visit consists of families and has requested a Saturday or Sunday in August. Washburn County Home Schools would like to visit our gardens any time in September. Polk, Burnett & Barron County Home School are requesting a Friday in September.
- 18 **Awards and Recognition**: Gail Sengbusch is retiring from her full-time work at the end of March and has expressed interest in volunteering in our Perennial Garden with Sharon Tarras. Discussion on recognition in general

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– perhaps put in our Handbook, recognize in a blog post. Sue will be interviewing Carol Alcoe who is retiring as a Master Gardener Volunteer and then publish a blog on that interview. Could also recognize volunteers at the Twilight Tour. Vicki at our 1/24 membership meeting will hand out name badges and certificates.

- 19 **General Meeting Time**: 5:30 p.m. until our April meeting, when it may move back to 4:00 p.m. if we don't have an improvement in attendance by our working MGV's. Roseann asked about sending out texts to them a few days prior to the meeting. Sue has software called AVATAR that will send out texts to a group. Roseann will work with this and send out texts on Tuesday, 6/22 as an experiment.
- 20 **Committees**: Vicki asked if there are any edits to the one-page description? None offered. Vicki will pass out the Committee sign up list at our 1/24 meeting. Roseann will send out a survey to our MGV's on Committees.
- 21 **Newsletter**: Will we continue offering this? Is Julie H. able/ willing to continue preparing it? Sue stated our Website & Blog has +200 unique visitors/week. Need more MGV's to contribute articles. Consensus is to drop the newsletter. Will discuss at the 1/24 meeting.
- 22 **Garden benches**: Russ has moved these to the sheep barn for winter storage with Phil's permission.
- 23 **Bylaws**: Sue stated we will need to update our association bylaws as UW incorporates changes to the reorganization from UW-Extension. Noted our bylaws are located in our member handbook.

Submitted by Roseann Meixelsperger