

North Country Master Gardener Volunteers

Meeting Agenda: January 26, 2017 1:30 PM

Spooner Ag Research Station

Meeting Minutes

Present: Russ Parker, Donna Amidon, Carol Taylor, Kevin Schoessow,
Carolyn Marquardt, Deb Studley, Sue Reinardy, Janet Mangold

Absent: Barb Boatman, Terri Johnson, Terrie Strand, Vicki Gee-Treft

1. Call to order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 1:34 PM
2. Meeting Minutes September 22, 2016
 - a. Minutes approved, on line at MCMGV web site
3. Committee Reports, Treasurer
 - a. Balance of \$1181.02 reported for Barb by Russ
 - b. WIMGA dues paid
 - c. Grant for Children's Garden, \$250.00, received and deposited
4. Old Business
 - a. NCMGV Brochure
 - i. Brochure is printed and looks great! Supply in Kevin's office; meeting attendees received copies
 - b. Update on Level 1 training (March 7-May 30), discuss volunteer opportunities to mentor MG trainees
 - i. Hoping for 6-8 min to conduct training, Feb 15 deadline
 - ii. Lots of interest, 4 signed up, more interested
 - iii. Syllabus and speakers, class outline prepared
 - iv. MGV's invited for kick-off potluck March 7, share own experiences and connect with trainees re: mentoring
 - v. Vicki has been recruiting candidates for training
 - vi. Posters available – distributed at today's meeting
 - c. Other?
 - i. Our web site is getting good traffic, and is a great resource for volunteer opportunities, meeting minutes and other information – check it regularly!

5. New Business
 - a. Select event dates for handbook update/publicity
 - i. Meeting dates Feb 23 and March 23 – 1:30 PM, SARS; April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, Aug 24, Sept 28 at 4:00 PM, SARS
 - b. Seed Starting/Plant Sale dates and leaders
 - i. Russ is coordinating seed starting, about \$500.00 needed for materials; tomato seed planting April 4
 - ii. Carol, Tony and Russ met to plan event
 - iii. May 20 is the Plant Sale date, fewer perennials this year
 - iv. Promote event in April Newsletter (Janet to contact Julie Hustvedt)
 - c. AAS Garden Planning “Edibles in the Ornamental Garden”, establish leadership
 - i. We will use this theme throughout the season for Childrens Garden, MMITG, AAS garden, etc
 - ii. Decision to enter AAS contest discussed; Sept is deadline for submission of documentation (photos, promotional material) – we will do the AAS garden, may NOT enter contest this year
 - iii. Discussion to be continued Feb 23rd
 - d. Children’s Garden – same theme as AAS? Start planning hardscape and raised beds, establish committee
 - i. Same theme as AAS
 - ii. Committee needs to be established – Feb 23 discussion
 - e. Mini MG Event
 - i. Event is April 1 at Bashaws Greenhouse
 - ii. Nancy and Russ are planning, volunteers needed!
 - iii. Kevin will attend
 - f. Begin planning “Meet Me in the Garden” dates and topics
 - i. MMITG events are planned for July, August (Twilight Garden Tour) and September – no June this year

- g. Twilight Garden Tour: finalize date, discuss speakers and format, establish committee
 - i. August 15 is the date
 - ii. Speakers confirmed to date are Brian Huddleston and PJ Leisch
 - iii. Will structure so that all speakers and events will be in the garden and immediate surroundings (no symposium at the Ag Center as we did last year)
 - iv. Would like to have a tent in case of inclement weather
 - v. Volunteers needed, discuss Feb 23rd

- 6. Educational Opportunities
 - a. Level 2 UWEX Training “Soils and Compost”
 - i. Donna and Janet signed up, Carolyn interested also
 - ii. Great resource for educational recertification credits

 - b. MG Training, SARS
 - i. Opportunities include mentoring a trainee, sharing volunteer ideas, participation leading sections of the training
 - ii. Trainees will work alongside MGs to have hands on training – dig and divide perennials, TGT, MMITG
 - iii. Carolyn can use trainees to help at the Fort

 - c. Eau Claire MGA “Ready, Set, Grow” Seminar, January 28, 2017
 - i. No one able to attend

 - d. Criminal Background Checks
 - i. Mandated and paid for by UWEX, MGs sign permission to check
 - ii. Nothing has been heard to date about any re-checks

- 7. Next Meeting Date/Time: February 23, 1:30 PM at SARS

Respectfully Submitted 29 Jan 17 jhm