

North Country Master Gardener Volunteers

Meeting Minutes: May 25, 2017 4:00 PM

Present: Janet Mangold, Barb Boatman, Sharon Tarras, Terri Johnson, Terrie Strand, Russ Parker, Carol Taylor, Vicki Gee-Treft, Nancy Reis, Yvonne Koch-Procter, Kay D. Childs, Mark Fox, Carolyn Marquart, Donna Amidon, Deb Studley, Tony Webber, Brent Arnoldussen, Mitchell Shellito and new intern, guest Karen Collins

"Foodscaping: Interspersing Edibles in the Ornamental Garden" is the AAS theme for 2017; we will use as basis for all gardens and programs this season

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 4:03 PM

Meeting Minutes April 27, 2017: motion to accept by Donna, seconded by Carol Taylor; revised minutes approved

Treasurer Report: Barb reports a current balance of \$2,780.72. There are bills to be paid.

Old Business:

1. Level 1 Training (March 7-May 30): very positive feedback!
2. May 20 Plant Sale Recap: Carol and all MG's, trainees and others – WELL DONE!
 - o Revenue \$3000.00, expenses \$1000.00 for net of \$2000.00
 - o Next year – fewer peppers, more tomatoes and containers, no 75-80 day tomatoes
 - o Janet suggested a quick view "cheat sheet" for people looking for slicing, or sauce, etc.
3. Vicki recap of Hunt Hill Prairie Fling, May 20: rain but a good crowd, Donna Amidon and Vicki Gee-Treft represented NCMGA – thank you!

New Business:

1. Guest Karen Collins, Spooner school needs and opportunities, depending on Americorps funding (but looks good). Two positions with a stipend are available – nutrition educator and community research. Contact Karen for details at **715-635-0243** or collinsk@spooner.k12.wi.us
2. AAS display garden "Foodscaping"
3. Sharon Tarras with Terrie Strand working on AAS Garden
 - o Plants will be picked up at the Arlington Horticulture Station the end of May
 - o Planting date is June 1, 9:00 AM at the Gardens
4. Children's Garden Update: Russ - Round up used on area and tilled. Design to be determined.
5. Family Fest - June 3rd - Washburn County Fairgrounds - 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Vickie Gee-Treft will represent NCMGV.
6. Sue will present "Meet Me in the Garden" on July 13
7. Other County Fairs to get involved with:
 - o Sawyer County August 17-20
 - o Grantsburg August 24 - 27
 - o Webster July 20 - 23

8. Twilight Garden Tour: August 15 in the Teaching and Display Garden and immediate surroundings – **no tent and no music.**
- Speakers are P. J. Leisch, Brian Smith and Brian Huddleston, and Sue Reinardy to highlight garden activities.
 - Format is 15-20 talk, some Q&A, and garden touring
 - 100 common milkweed seed packets with our web site and logo will be given out at TWT
 - Vicki working with Sue to update opportunities for MGV's on the website
 - No parking west of high tunnel

9. Educational Opportunities
- Check the web site for complete list

10. To Do List
- Everyone: Twilight Garden Tour helpers needed

Committee Leaders to date are:

Seed starting	Russ, Tony, Carol
Plant Sale	Carol, Russ
NCMGV newsletter	Julie Hustvet
Member Handbook, MMITG and Web Site	Sue
Publicity	Kevin/Lorraine and others
AAS Contest	Sharon Tarras, Terri Strand
Twilight Garden Tour	Janet
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers determined • Carolyn M and Carol T will staff tomato tasting • Russ and Terri J will plan arrangement/logistics • Salsa making at Barb's with Terri, Deb, Terrie, Nancy • Vicki will recruit volunteers for the welcome table and parking
Children's Garden Project	Russ, Roseann, Deb

11. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM

Next Meeting Date/Time: June 22, 4:00 PM at SARS