

## **North Country Master Gardener Volunteers Minutes of May 26, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Vice-President, Janet Mangold.

In attendance were Terri Johnson, Carol Taylor, Tony Webber, Sue Reinardy, Terrie Strand, Kevin Schoessow, Barb Boatman, Deb Studley, Janet Mangold, Donna Amidon and Intern Hannah Meister.

### **Plant Sale Report:**

The sale included 793 tomatoes, 298 peppers and 374 perennials.

18 tomato and 3 pepper plants were unsold.

Leftover perennials were donated to the Fort Folle Avione, and Main Street Market.

**Minutes** of the April 28, 2016, meeting were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Barb Boatman reported a checking account balance of \$5,498.57

### **Interns:**

- Hannah Meister is from Cedarville, Illinois and is attending UW-Platteville. Her internship includes working with Kevin in the agriculture and natural resources area. She will also be working with the NOVIC tomato and pepper trials under the direction of Erin Silva, UW-Madison.
- Payton Ertl will arrive in early June. He attends UW-River Falls and his title will be Ass't. Garden Manager and will be working with the MG volunteers.

### **Community Outreach:**

Russ has dwarf tomato plants started for the Americorps-Vista program operating in the Spooner elementary and middle school gardens.

About 20 middle school students from Spooner helped clean up the demonstration garden for Service Learning Day, May 13th.

The Hunt Hill Prairie Fling was held May 14<sup>th</sup> with a very good turn out despite the cold temperatures and windy conditions. Vicki Gee-Treft, Donna Amidon, Darlene Steinhart and Nancy Reis represented our NCMGV.

Washburn County Family Fun Fest is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Spooner Fairgrounds.

June 29<sup>th</sup> the Spooner school garden 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will visit the demonstration garden and be provided with activities.

Twilight Garden Tour is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Pollinator Plants:**

Hannah will contact Rob Bursick at Dragonfly Gardens to get the plants reserved that we need for the pollinator plantings in the demonstration garden.

## **AAS Garden:**

The AAS geraniums and impatiens have been received directly from the grower. Sue Reinardy brought back a load of plants from Madison in her suburban. Another wagon load of plants will be picked up by the beginning of June according to Kevin. The AAS Design Committee will have their first meeting Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM at the Ag. Station. Sharon Tarras will be available the first week of May to help with designing and planting.

## **Public Relations:**

The card stock promotional cards for the station are being printed at White Birch Printing in Spooner.

Sue Reinardy has an updated NCMGV brochure draft which will be finalized and printed soon.

Kevin would like volunteers to work with the interns to answer horticultural inquiries from the Ag. Station on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

## **Meet Me In The Garden Series:**

- Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 7:30 PM Native Plants for Birds, Bees and Butterflies
- Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 7:30 PM Becoming a Natural Gardener
- Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – Noon Monarch Way Station and the Season in Review

Sue recommended a book written by Heather Holm titled *Pollinators and Native Plants*. Sue would also like to have her invited to be a speaker for the Twilight Garden Tour. More information on her website: <http://www.pollinatorsnativeplants.com/presentations.html>

Winter Greenhouse has agreed to donate some pollinator plants for the June 14<sup>th</sup> program. Sue is asking for volunteers to take over parts of the presentation. She will be happy to provide resource materials.

Sue mentioned that volunteers should count hours working in the demonstration garden as education hours, not volunteer hours according to Susan Mahr, WIMGA Coordinator.

Sue will add a space for volunteer opportunities to our website <http://www.northcountrymgv.org>

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM

The next meeting is June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM at the Spooner Ag. Station.

Respectfully submitted,



Deb Studley  
Secretary