

North Country Master Gardener Volunteers

Meeting Minutes: March 30, 2017 1:30 PM

Present: Russ Parker, Nancy Reis, Carol Taylor, Tony Webber, Deb Studley,
Roseann Meixelsperger, Janet Mangold
Absent: Donna Amidon, Vicki Gee-Treft, Barb Boatman

“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

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 1:34 PM
2. Meeting Minutes February 23, 2017
 - a. Minutes available on NCMGA web site: Tony moved to accept, Carol seconded, all approved
3. Treasurer Report
 - a. Russ, on Barb’s behalf: balance is still \$1181.02. Russ is owed \$356.40 which leaves effective balance of \$824.62
4. Old Business
 - a. Level 1 Training (March 7-May 30): very positive feedback, trainees especially like the hands on training from our MG experts. Previous week was IPM with 30 on soils by Kevin
 - b. Seed Starting: Russ started peppers last Sat, 8 varieties, 40 each. Next week Trainees will work on seed sowing tomatoes. Russ called on Carol for help plant AAS seeds when he is gone for several days.
 - c. May 20 Plant Sale update: Carol has trainees recruited by Vicki to assist with plant sale duties; will continue to help volunteers to replant, and other tasks. Carol will reach out to Sharon Tarras regarding plant sale prep (ST should be back mid May).
 - d. April 1 Mini-Master Gardener update: Nancy reported that 33 kids are signed up for Mini Master Gardener training April 1 at Bashaw’s; 8:30 – 11:30; four one half hour learning sessions are creative containers, soils, seeds and transplanting tomatoes. WOW, great work Nancy and Russ!!
 - e. Vicki will manage Hunt Hill event May 20.

5. New Business:
 - a. Inquiry received from Paul Thompson wanting to transfer MG from Minnesota to North Country – referred to Kevin.
 - b. AAS display garden “Foodscaping”
 - i. Kevin has sent our intent to participate
 - ii. Terrie Strand was invited by Janet to lead design, try again to reach her – also connect with Sharon
 - iii. Tony recommended Food Shelf connection (keep in mind)
 - iv. **Volunteers needed** – Vicki is great at arranging volunteers!
 - c. Children’s Garden - \$250.00 grant received for hardscape: proposed design is circular with a center pole, sunflower center, arbors and seating, unanimously approved – thank you, Russ!
 - i. Roseann brought photos of children’s garden ideas
 - ii. First meeting April 6, 1:30 at the Ag Station
 - d. Sue has formatted “Meet Me in the Garden” for July 13. Consideration being given to a Fall Bulb Sale in Sept instead of MMITG, because so much else is happening this year.
 - e. Twilight Garden Tour: August 15 in the Teaching and Display Garden and immediate surroundings – tent necessary - Kevin?
 - i. Speakers are PJ Leisch, Brian Smith and Brian Huddleston, and one NCMGV speaker to highlight all we are doing. Twenty minutes segments, some Q&A, garden touring.
 - ii. Will ask Vicki for help assigning volunteers.
 - iii. Seed packets with our web site and logo will be given out at TWT – sticker design in progress (we have 100 packets)
 - iv. Hopefully Sharon will do grilling again
 - f. Committee Leaders to date are:
 - i. Seed starting – Russ, Tony, Carol
 - ii. Plant Sale - Carol, Tony, Russ
 - iii. NCMGV newsletter – Julie Hustvet
 - iv. Member Handbook, MMITG and Web Site – Sue
 - v. Publicity – Kevin and others
 - vi. AAS Contest – hopefully Terrie Strand?
 - vii. Twilight Garden Tour – TBD
 - viii. Children’s Garden Project – Russ, Roseann
6. Educational Opportunities
 - a. Level 1 Master Gardener Training – lead or conduct session
 - b. Check the web site for complete list

7. To Do List
 - a. Everyone seek volunteers for projects and TGT

8. Adjourn
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM

9. Next Meeting Date/Time: April 27, 4:00 PM at SARS

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