

Eau Claire Area Master Gardeners Association Board Meeting- August 14, 2014

Member's present-Andy Heren, Cindy Ferver, Amy Boettcher, Daria Hutchinson, Gary Mathis, Ede Strand. Also present Lori Kempen and UW Extension Educator- Erin LaFaive. Members absent- Diane Hunter.

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Andy.
- 2) Secretary's report- Gary made a motion to approve the secretary's minutes with Erin's change to the name of the Garden Show , seconded by Amy.
- 3) WIMGA Report- 2014 WIMGA report due Erin will help with this. Need information on activity over the past year for Eau Claire Master Gardeners.
- 4) Treasury report- Ede Strand-Plant sale totals were \$1422.25. This was \$232.75 more than 2 years ago, so it may be beneficial to keep this going. The totals were greater last year due to the expo garden closing and dig.
- 5) Horticultural educator report- Erin LaFaive-
 - a. Keeping it Green Garden show will air once a month on CVTV. Jeffers Road Community Gardens will erect a Greenhouse- 8' x 10'; need to obtain a permanent structure permit. They will also be getting a second spigot at this location.
 - b. Chippewa Valley Sustainability Festival –Saturday Sept, 13th. Presentations at the Forest Street Pavilion, Kids Stand- Volunteers needed for time slots. Tents will be provided for presenters. Next Step Energy/Suncatcher- will power laptop and projector for presentations at the event.
 - c. Level one training is complete: One volunteer has already completed 100 hours @ Beaver Creek. Three others in the class have volunteered at the youth gardens and in the office answering questions. Erin is starting to plan for the next class in 2015. No date and time is set yet.
 - d. An extra \$5 for a printed copy of the newsletter has been charged in the past this may be raised to \$10. This should be added to dues due for next year if you're interested in receiving mailings of the newsletter.
- 6) Education Committee- Lori Kempen- Meetings have started for the February Garden Seminar- It will be held February 7th @ CVTC
 - a) Wednesday August 20th- Mary Zehlmer's garden tour
 - b) September- Apple pruning TBD
 - c) October-Presentations –Altoona Library 7th @ 6:30- Composting/Lasagna gardening, L.E. Phillips Library- 16th- How to start a garden.
 - d) November-Pruning Trees and Shrubs- Daria Hutchinson UWEC Campus
 - e) December- Christmas Party
- 7) Project Committee reports- Farmers market booth is going well. Will be at the Sustainability Fair in September.

8) Old Business- none

9) New Business- Do we need to find another WIMGA rep? Erin will check into this. . L.E. Phillips Senior Center
Garden Presentation of Garden Cleanup- Looking for presenters.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 11th at the Extension Office. Cindy made a motion to adjourn and Gary seconded.

Meeting adjourned 7:20 pm.

Submitted by Daria Hutchinson