

Eau Claire Area Master Gardeners

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2015

UW Extension Office

630pm

1. Call to Order
 - a. Members Present- Amy Boettcher, Erin LaFaive, Nina Logan, Ede Strand, Nancy Spak, Deb Spickler, Gary Mathis, Cindy Ferver
2. WIMGA Report from Ellen Terwilliger
 - a. WIMGA conference July 31 – August 1, WIMGA is requesting \$50.00 from each Master Gardener group for prizes and expenses. Deb made a motion to donate \$50.00 to WIMGA. Gary seconded. Motion carried.
3. Secretary's Report from Erin LaFaive
 - a. Approve the February Minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Nancy with name change on Nancy's last name (Spak). Gary seconded. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer's Report from Ede Strand
 - a. Income/Expense statement passed to Board members. \$100 dollars left off, reimbursement from Expo for barn rental for MG Plant Sale.
 - b. Audit due-Audit committee set up with Nancy Spak and Deb Spickler Audit will be done with Ede before next board meeting.
5. Horticulture Educator Update from Erin LaFaive
 - a. Thirteen attending Level 1 training, one scholarship. Two scholarships were awarded but one dropped out.
 - b. Seed starting class April 2nd. Seeds were from the Winter Garden Seminar.
 - c. Teaching Garden at Extension Office-two grants have been written but won't know outcome until May. Motion made by Cindy to donate up to \$700.00 towards the

Teaching Garden for supplies and plants. Seconded by Nina. Motion carried. Nancy has volunteered to canvas donations for the Garden.

- d. Wisconsin cuts to UW budget up to \$340 million. Discussed effects on MG program and horticultural educator budget.
6. Education Program Committee from Nina Logan
 - a. Wind Chime workshop on March 17 \$21
 - b. Patty Marten New Plants April 21st
 - c. Native Plants and Wisconsin Wetlands April 4, co-sponsored with The Prairie Enthusiasts at L.E. Phillips Library, 1pm to 4:30pm. Cindy to introduce MG program and the Prairie Enthusiasts.
 - d. Possible talks-Mushrooms, Bats and Earth Bound (new garbage hauler, includes compostable materials) would like to do a presentation.
7. Old Business
 - a. Strategic Plan Review (2012)
 - i. Discussed membership survey
 - b. Discussed options to partner with other organizations.
8. New Business
 - a. Ways to increase membership and increase volunteer's hours
 - i. Weekly reminders of volunteer
 - ii. Timed agenda sent out for Board meetings so membership would feel freer to attend board meetings
 - iii. Announce updates and volunteer opportunities before our educational meetings. This would inform the public as well as the membership of our opportunities and programs.
 - iv. Encourage members to bring new projects and their own projects to the Horticulture educator and MG board to determine if they fall within MG guidelines and get support for projects.
 - v. Ask a Master Gardener email set up with rotation.
9. Next Meeting will be April 9, 2015 at the Extension Office, 6:30pm.
10. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Gary, seconded by Cindy. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 8:30pm