

Eau Claire Area Master Gardener Association Board – March 13, 2014 Meeting

Members Present – Erin LaFaive, Andy Heren, Gary Mathis, Daria Hutchinson, Cindy Ferver, Amy Boettcher. Also present, Lina Logan.

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35 by Andy
2. We first hear a presentation from Jill Elliott and Jayme Gundlach of the Prairie Ridge Early Learning School on their Full Tummies, Ready Minds, Happy Hearts program to help teach and to feel hungry students. They are looking for both financial assistance and advice on gardening. They were encouraged to submit an application for financial aid.

We heard a presentation from Susan Kaul of the Friends of Half Moon Lake. She wanted to update us on what is being done in the Half Moon Lake area to restore native plants. They are looking for assistance with planting. We encouraged her to write an article for our newsletter.

3. No WIMGA report
4. Secretary's report: A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Cindy to accept the secretary's report.

Treasurer's report: Ede was not present, but notes from an email were shared: I will be back on the 15th and can help work on a budget then, or perhaps the rest of you can work up some figures on the 13th and let me know. Sorry, sorry, sorry! I think that I received an additional \$60 for the seminar and paid out a few smaller expenses, as well as the scholarships and \$100? gift cert for Lori. I still had not received a bill for the seminar meal as of March 7th.

Bill Hogarth returned his check for speaking at the Winter seminar saying he could not accept it since it was considered work. He asked that instead we give it as a donation in his name to the Prairie Enthusiasts. Cindy made a motion to do so. Seconded by Gary.

5. Erin's Report: Chippewa Valley Sustainability Festival will be smaller event this year and will be held at the Forrest St. Gardens. The goal is to teach sustainability techniques.

The August Plant Sale can still be held at Expo in the barn the second weekend of August. Erin will check and see if there would be a fee.

Erin reported on the Mandate Reporter testing progress.

Erin has attended meetings on a community greenhouse at the CVTC West Campus, the Early Learning School, and the UWEC Nature Academy.

6. Education Committee:

March 18 – meeting at May's Floral on Jeffers Road, then carpooling to May's Growing Grounds for a tour of their facility and then meeting afterwards for refreshments in their new classroom.

April 15 – Garden Jeopardy! with Daryl Reed at the Extension Office.

May 20 – Whitetail Organics talking about worm composting

June 19 – Jill Barland and Jan Haywood will be giving a presentation at the Schlegelmilch House.

Nina reported that they are starting to look for speakers for next year's seminar.

Daria offered to set up a tour of Will Allen's place in Milwaukee.

7. No project committee reports
8. No Old Business.
9. Erin talked about some needs for the Youth Gardens and they will be discussed with the budget at next month's meeting.
10. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 10, at 6:30 at the Extension Office.

Amy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gary.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Andy Heren, filling in for Jeanne Mueller.