

**Eau Claire Area Master Gardeners
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 14, 2015
UW Extension Office
630pm**

1. Call to Order
 - a. Members Present- Amy Boettcher, Erin LaFaive, Lori Kempen, Deb Spickler, Gary Mathis, Cindy Ferver, Ellen Terwilliger, Nancy Spak, Ede Strand, and Nina Logan
2. WIMGA Report- Ellen Terwiliger
 - a. WIMGA is looking for speakers' state wide, message to membership EC Ellen will send out message to our membership.
3. Secretary's Report
 - a. April minutes add Nancy Spak to members attending and correct Carrine Baldwins name. Ellen made motion to accept and Nancy Spak seconded with changes. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer's report- Ede
 - a. credit card money not available yet from seminar
 - b. budget worksheet passed out and income and expenses (May 2015)
 - c. some WIMGA dues not in yet, stragglng in
 - d. w9 information sent
 - e. calendar year audit done today by Deb Spickler and Nancy Spak
 - f. last entry one entry of \$15 instead of 2
5. Horticulture educator
 - a. WIMGA advisory board meeting, no plans to do online level 1 because they want a county connection
 - b. Master Gardener state website is being redone, WIMGA will still be housed on the state website
 - c. Council Bluff International WIMGA conference Sept 22-25, 2015

- d. Portland OR WIMGA International Conference in 2017
- e. Importance of the need to know where MG's are and what they are doing because of liability. Need to know and keep track of core projects, shows impact of our contributions to community.
- f. Teaching garden, planting week of May 25th. Ellen suggested media invited day of planting so they have something to film or report on.
- g. 20 dollars for make and take vegetable garden (location?)
- h. Youth garden McDonough on May 29th with kids from Longfellow
- i. We are looking for volunteers for the youth garden at North Riverfront.
- j. Eau Claire clean-up is this weekend with Valley Brook Church.
- k. Erin going to Souix Falls, South Dakota in July-Erin won two awards state wide and is a National Finalist, garden magazine article of preserving herbs in WI, and picture of Sessions garden

6. Education Program Committee

- a. Talk on CSAs Carinne Baldwin Tues May 19 630pm at the Extension Office
- b. June 16th Earth Bound talking about composting\
- c. Garden tour end of June or beginning of July include possible stop at a nursery
- d. Barn reserved for Plant Sale, Aug 7-8 price has gone up, pot party Friday Aug 6
- e. Susan Merton interested in coordinating plant sale
- f. Book sale University Women in October wanted to know if we were interested in selling plants or bulbs. Consensus-too late in the year.
- g. Nancy to ask about Bat talk by Christi Spak after the end of October
- h. Soil talk?

7. Old Business

- a. Website-Amy updated

8. Budget Plan for 2015-see attached

- a. computer and projector motion made to add \$300 to \$400 for computer and projector, Gary Mathis made motion and Lori Kempen seconded \$700 total (400 grant last year)
- b. Seminar cost about the same, seminar makes money (Feb 6, 2016)
- c. Nancy volunteered to do stained glass class at seminar and volunteered Christi for bat talk
- d. increased budget for education speakers, door prizes -\$1000
- e. continue to give 2 scholarships for basic training
- f. Donate \$500 to Keeping it Green
- g. website weebly is now free
- h. Plant sale expenses increased to \$340
- i. 4H donation to stay the same
- j. Increased funding for garden projects (including Teaching Garden) \$1500.00
- k. WIMGA \$350
- l. Ask a gardener \$200
- m. Photo contest \$50.00
- n. Question asked about donations to other organizations no action taken at this time.

Made motion to accept this budget Gary Mathis and was seconded by Nina Logan.

9. Motion to close meeting by Gary Mathis, Nina Logan seconded. Meeting closed

Next Meeting June 11, 2015. Erin may be gone next 3 meeting.