

Eau Claire Area Master Gardener Board Meeting
January 10, 2013

Members Present; Andy Heren, Roslyn Siudak, Lori Kempen, Mikel Reise, Gary Mathis, Erin LaFaive, Daria Hutchinson, Jeanne Mueller, Diane Hunter, Lee Ellen Pelham, Kate Hartsel, Karen Olson.

Meeting Called to Order; Andy called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

WIMGA Report: Lee Ellen Pelham update,

- *possible mentorship needed to help with member retention
- *need certified list of Master Gardeners
- *Annual Conference ?WIMGA Aug 16-17 in Janesville
- *Michigan Master Gardener has lost their MIMGA group, were wanting affiliation with WIMGA, was decided that they could pay for WIMGA membership
- *New magazine "Our Wisconsin" is out
- *solicited potential "horticultural interest" sites that a visiting Master Gardener or MG group might want to visit in Eau Claire Area (ie; Schlegelmilch Haus, Beaver Creek Reserve) Please send any suggestions to Lee at JPelham@riverlandcom.net
- *April all county Master Gardeners meeting in Hancock
- *Lee will be trying to come every other month to our board meeting
- *Book of Annual Report presented, taken home temporarily by Karen Olson

Secretary's Report; (Sally Anderson)

- *The secretary's report was read, motion to accept made by Mikel, and seconded by Karen
- *December Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report; (Roslyn Siudak)

- *Roslyn brought up need for 2012 audit to meet bylaws
- *2 outstanding checks from ECAMGA , \$150 to 4H in June :not cashed, ???
- *brought up question of how much cash to have on hand at the spring seminar, \$200 suggested

*EMAMGA income/expense statement presented to board members

Administrative Committee Horticulture Educator (Erin LaFaive) update;

*The level 2 Training will begin in February, continuing until June, you can receive it live or archive it

*Erin's maternity leave will begin Februarys until the end of April

*Lee Pelham has volunteered to take office calls/questions when time permits her to do so

*The office personnel will also take questions

*Remaining 2013 ECAMGA Board meetings were scheduled at Altoona Extension Office and will be held **the 2nd Thursday of each month.**

*Mike Maddox REALLY wants +/- feedback about how program is going

Education Program Committee: (Lori Kempen)

*Jan, 15 "coming together of ideas session" held at the Extension Office at 6:30pm.

*Board members are asked to bring their ideas for our monthly educational speakers and to consider how to move forward as an organization-post Expo Center

*Upcoming events include; Winter Gardening Seminar, Feb 2, at CVTC

* Remaining 2013 ECAMGA meeting site at the Altoona Extension Office has been reserved by Lori for us

*These meetings are open to the public

*The seminar on Feb 2nd currently has 40 folks signed up, vegetarian and regular lasagna will be served with a 50/50 ratio of each offered

*Erin will be a guest on WEAU on Jan. 30 to discuss Feb. Seminar

*ECMGA will no longer be out at/or attending the gardens at the Expo Center

Projects Committee:

Enabling Gardens; (Karen Olson)

*Karen Olson reported that she has gotten approval of 18 new planting beds at the enabling gardens, and all the in ground ones were approved.

*Karen requested ECMGA consider giving her \$2000 to help reach an

\$5000 with the help of other agencies in order to get a match grant the City of Eau Claire. She is also soliciting funds from other groups to reach her \$5000 goal.

*The in ground bed forms would be constructed in cedar

*Karen also put in request for help planting "starter bedding " plants for these new beds, as she has put in \$400 of own monies in ea. of the last two years

Old Business;

* none reported

New Business;

*Election of officers was discussed and outcome; Roslyn Sudak -treasurer, with

Diane Hunter to shadow her this year to learn routine, Andy Heren-president,

Secretary- Jeanne Mueller.

*Discussion of spring plant sale fundraiser

*During August Expo space IS available IF we want to pursue that , a NEW Coordinator for that would be needed

*Prairie Enthusiasts, Kathy Stahl requested funding for Mar. 2nd speaker, and after discussion, board decided that ECMGA would offer \$250

-Karen motioned to support, -Kate Hartsel 2nd it

-Erin will inform Kathy Stahl of ECMGA Board decision

Adjournment;

Mikel Reise made the motion to adjourn, Karen Olson 2nd motion

Next meeting date;

The next ECMGA board meeting will be February 14, 630pm, at Extension Office

in Altoona.