

4/2/2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Present were: Co-Presidents: Kathy Schultz, Linda Loker, Vice-President: Britton Dake, Secretary: Susan Raasch, Treasurer: Joni Pagel, Virginia Slattery, Nancy Karuhn, Linda Werner, Diane Iott, Jane Kuhn, UWEX Advisor: Kimberly Miller.

Absent: Sandra Golliher, Ed Dombrowski

2019 Scholarship selection update: Jane Kuhn updated the Board on the scholarship recipients' search. There were four applicants. Aiden William Gehrke, a student at Valley Christian School with a weighted 4.13GPA, was the applicant chosen by the scholarship committee. He plans to attend UW Stevens Point majoring in Resource management: Natural Resources. Motion to approve Aiden William Gehrke the 2019 Scholarship winner made by Linda Werner and second by Ginny Slattery. Passed unanimously. The presentation of the scholarship award will be at the May Membership meeting.

Treasurer Report: Joni Pagel gave the cash reconciliation report for period of March 2019. After timely discussion, the added cost of positive pay was the deciding point to move away from Associated Bank. Joni, Kathy and Linda will handle the transfer of WCMGA's bank account. Motion to move the bank account to Community First Credit Union made by Linda Werner and second by Britton Dake. Passed unanimously with conditional approval on Community First Credit Union's offered services.

Secretary Report: March minutes with two corrections. Motion to approve made by Britton Dake, second by Nancy Karuhn. Passed unanimously.

Project Updates: Britton Dake provided the budget requests from the project leads: Farmer's Market \$500, Invasive Species \$100, Miravida \$500, OAHS \$500, Parkview Prairie \$250, Parkview Flower arranging \$500, Plant Health Advisor \$200, Omro Library \$400, Octagon House \$400 and Algoma \$500, total \$3,850. Britton handed out a draft of the project modification form. This form is used to request additional monies for funded projects. Option to approve this revised form by email. 1 on 1 meetings are nearing completion.

Education Committee Report: Linda Werner reported that Mary Moosemiller and Melissa Weyland along with Dana Berger 4-H Program Coordinator and Jodi will be doing a Garden workshop in May. They will be requesting volunteer help from the membership for this presentation. June 12, Linda Werner and Dianne Iott will be doing a Fairy garden presentation. They will be requesting volunteer help from the membership for this event. There were 31 participants at the Saturday workshop. Mark's fee was \$100 and Max was free. There are plans to do another Saturday workshop around Sept/Oct. Roy Anne is working to find the maximum number of people for the Philadelphia trip. Marge Menacher is organizing a trip to the Olbrich botanical gardens this summer. Book Club will meet April 23 at 1 PM not at the OPL, they charge for the meeting room. There is a grant for the Ascend Initiative to help young adults, with mental health challenges, in preparing a garden plot, planting and maintaining the garden. Kimberly Miller, Jane Kuhn, Linda Werner and some part of the membership and interns will be involved with these work days. Would WCMGA be interested in hosting the 2021 State WIMGA Conference? WCMGA is at capacity not realistic.

Extension Updates: Kimberly announced that the new Agricultural Educator is John Thompson. There will be a support staff interview this week. Project meetings: Linda Loker April 10, Mary Shepard April 17. The project leads took a survey. Highlights of survey: Project forms prioritized role description of project leads. Moving in a positive direction=direction where the members want to go. Kimberly has this as a goal on her annual review.

Rock the Block in Oshkosh: Linda Loker updated that there are 4 members that are interested in working on this project.

Oshkosh Corp sustainability event: There will be 4 members to man the booth. Topic will be "Jumping worms". Interactive event. Employees ask questions that enable them to participate in prize drawings.

Parkview Donation: A family of a Parkview resident is donating \$1000 to WCMGA to be used by all of the MG projects at Parkview. The resident enjoyed the gardens and the flowers used in residents' rooms. The 4 Parkview project leads will be emailed regarding this donation. Linda Werner is heading up a committee to determine how to handle donations. Kathy and Linda L. will join Linda W. on this committee.

Golden Trowel committee update: Committee members: Stan Meyer, Arlene and Bob Kosanke, Bob Potter, Sandra Golliher will be meeting to hammer out the details.

Non-profit account balances: Mary Wiedenmeier, Linda Loker, Kathy Schultz, Kimberly Miller, Joni Pagel will meet on Friday (April 5) with Bonnie Graff a CPA. She is knowledgeable about non-profits and the need for reserves.

Set budget planning/goal meeting: When should board meet for an additional meeting to cover goals, budget account balances, reserves, long term project goals? Considering October Board meeting with a 1 hour extension. 5pm-6pm Meeting for budget and goals. 6pm-8pm regular Board meeting.

Board process log draft: Place to put polices that are not in By-laws or SOP. Example: spreadsheet.

Other new business: Ginny, acting in her liaison role, wants to acquaint interns with WCMGA Committees that might have openings and the how to become a committee member, in addition to the long and short term projects that are available.

Motion to adjourn made by Britton Dake and second by Linda Werner. Passed unanimously.

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