

April 3, 2018 WCMG Board Meeting

In attendance: Kathy Schultz, Linda Loker, Eric Kropp, Lori Berndt, Jan Wetterau-Houge, Linda Werner, Susan Forbes, Jane Kuhn, Vicki Daniels

Absent: Ann Abraham, Nancy Karuhn, Diane Iott, Kimberly Miller

Scholarship Committee started the meeting with a presentation on their recommendation for this year's \$1000 scholarship. The committee selected Jodie Weyland, a senior student at Winneconne High School. This student will be invited to May business to receive this award. The committee also reported on the changes they are working on to improve their process. The board commended the committee for their great work.

Motion to approve made by Linda Werner and seconded by Lori Berndt.

Yes: 8 No: 0

Treasurer's Report: Refer to this month's report by Joni Pagel.

Secretary's Report: Completed but not available to board so will be sent out to board members for approval.

Projects Report: Need to clarify project funding process. Discussion ensued on terms "funding" and "non-funding", meaning what projects should be able to request money. Board members have different ideas on this. Suggestion is to schedule a separate meeting to clarify and come up with solutions to resolve the confusion for all. Eric mentioned that Tammy Erickson, a member, may be teaming up with Neenah Library in developing an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) form to assist our organization in the work we do with our beneficiaries. Eric will keep the board informed on this.

Discussion included the importance of a proper budget reserve with understanding of maintaining it. Suggestion was made that maybe a financial expert could be helpful.

A possible short term project was presented - Ryan Roth of "Rock The Block" in Neenah approached our organization to ask for help in advising homeowners on improving their landscape for this event; and possibly help with the event itself. Eric mentioned that a member, Mary Shepard, has experience with this and that we should contact her. Kathy stated that she would contact Mary. This would then be brought to the membership for volunteers.

Oshkosh Public Museum will be contacted to inform that at this time our organization must decline to take on their request as a project. There were interested members but no one to take on the lead.

A late request for \$500 was requested by Carter Memorial Library for their project. Motion to approve by Linda Werner and seconded by Jan Wetterau-Houge.

Yes - 8 No - 0

Education Committee: Spring workshops - Ascend grant for \$700 from Neenah Sustainability committee - will work with disabled in life skills and gaining independence by creating container gardens. 4 sections with them, then Food Wise will help with nutrition on food grown. May and June dates pending. May 12 - Sat- terrarium workshop; June 6 Boys Brigade Neenah container workshop; Rain garden workshop still pending. Mar 12 workshop at Neenah Library held with 60 in attendance. Sheila Smith, ergonomist who works with farm lands, was the speaker and was very technical.

Trips include May 1 Montello bus trip - 41 signed up at this time; July 30-31 trip to Door Co is still being finalized.

Presentations given by our members without acknowledgement to the organization was discussed. These presentations are very beneficial to the community, and also to our organization. In reporting these activities, we are showing the extension that we are of vital importance to our community and our state.

A memorial bench was discussed as a way to honor our active and Emeritus members that have passed away. The board gave positive feedback for pursuing this and if done, we will have to adjust the section in our By-Laws that references what our process is for deceased members. An accurate monetary amount for the bench, engraving, and plaques was requested. Linda Loker will work on this.

By-Laws: Emeritus status was discussed, Susan made suggestions that would make it possible for any member to gain this status, with enough criteria. Any further discussion was tabled until next board meeting as Kimberly not in attendance today.

Motion to adjourn by Lori Berndt

Seconded by Linda Werner

7:50 PM meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Linda Loker