

WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
TUESDAY April 5, 2022 6:00 PM
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Attending: Ed Dombrowski, Deb Butch, Kathy Procknow, Deby Voyles, Ruth Retzlaff, Valerie Stabenow, Sue Egner, Linda Werner, Jean Reed

Absent: Bob Kneepkens

Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Ed Dombrowski.

Ed asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were none. Linda Werner moved to approve the agenda and Sue Egner seconded. The motion passed.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Secretaries Report E. Dombrowski
Published
- b. Treasurers Report D. Voyles, D. Butch, K. Procknow
No income for March. Cash on hand checking \$5,060.07, money market \$29,067.06. Total \$30,235.27. Money we were holding for projects has been paid to the project leads (Roy Anne donation to Octagon House, Dr. Weber donation to Park View and Park View grant, Miravida grant. WIMGA dues for 56 members were sent in. Deby is in the process of getting the laptop installed with appropriate software and all the files that Deb and Kathy need to do the treasurers' duties.
- c. Committee Reports
 - 1. Education Committee V. Stabenow
WIMGA Continuing Education Series is newest offering. Linda and Valerie will continue to search for approved offerings and they will be posted on the website and the Facebook page.
- d. Project Updates D. Butch, K. Procknow
All old partners have now responded and have been added to ORS.
- e. Extension Update V. Stabenow
The new horticulture position job description has been set. It may be posted statewide in the 2nd quarter.
- f. WIMGA Report K. Procknow
None
- g. Communication Board
Deby Voyles created an email for linking the checking/money market fund so the treasurers' personal email no longer needs to be used.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Dissolution Plan L. Werner, V. Stabenow
Valerie and Linda presented new language for the dissolution clause and plan. She was able to find an attorney to assist with the language, Jeanne Bavier of Reff, Bavier, Bellingham to do the work pro bono. We will have the first reading at the next membership meeting on April 12.
- b. Dissolution Clause V. Stabenow, L. Werner
Same as above.

- c. Liability Insurance V. Stabenow and Kathy Procknow
Valerie and Kathy shared with the group what they have learned about insurance. Volunteers working for other organizations that have liability insurance are covered while they are volunteering for those organizations. Any association activities need coverage or activities that activity organizer requires proof of insurance (i.e., Farmers' Market). We have until September when our current policy is due to be renewed.
- d. ORS Update V. Stabenow
ORS is up and they are adding new partners every day. A checkbox has been added that information can be shared with your local association.
- e. Clarification of Board members terms Board
It was determined that all current board terms will end on December 31, 2022.
- f. Membership meeting Board
The next meeting is Tuesday, April 12 at 6 p.m. We will have a business meeting. It will be in person and on Zoom. Masks are mandatory. Linda will look at an educational program for the May meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Membership Concerns Board
Board discussed member concerns.
- b. Flex Leadership Design/Continuity Plan Board
Ed presented several options for more shared governance of allowing committees to make their own decisions. We are going to start small with two committees and expand after successes with the new governance.
- c. Revision of Board Meetings Board
The by-laws and SOPs are no longer valid with the change in structure coming from WIMGA. Ed took a straw poll on suspending the by-laws for the time being. By-laws and SOPs will need to be rewritten after we have tested the new governance models.
- d. Membership Survey K. Procknow
Tabled
- e. Ad Hoc Comm. For Governance model L. Werner
Tabled
- f. Insurance Meeting K. Procknow
See Liability Insurance in item 4.c above. Discussion was combined there.

6. ADJOURN

It was moved by Sue Egner and seconded by Linda Werner that we adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion passed.

Next Business/Membership meeting:

April 12, 2022 Coughlin Center and Zoom

Next Board Meeting:

May 3, 2022 Coughlin Center and Zoom