

Winnebago County Master Gardeners Board meeting Notes Draft.

Date April 30, 2018 / May meeting

Present were: Co-Presidents Kathy Schultz and Linda Loker, Co-Vice Presidents Eric Kropp and Nancy Karuhn, Joni Pagel , Treasurer, Ann Abraham, Secretary, Lori Berndt, Linda Werner, Susan Forbes, UWEX Advisor , Kimberly Miller.

Excused: Diane lott, Jan Wetterau-Houge

Treasurer's Report: It's too early to post totals (the bank statement does not come out till the 1st of each month). They will be sent out later.

Secretary Report: Changes were made to the March and April minutes.

Motion to approve Board meeting Minutes. For the Month of March, Made by Eric Kropp

Second the motion by Joni Pagel

All in favor, 8 Opposed, 0

Motion to approve the April minutes. Made by Linda Werner

Second by Lori Berndt.

All in favor, 8 Opposed,0

Project updates: Garlic mustard pull has been postponed due to weather. Prairie Gardens and Shattuck Park are in need of project leads. If we cannot find project leads the projects will be ended. Omro Library's request for \$500 funding was approved.

Education Committee Updates: Winter Escapes~Summer Dreams We have two speakers for the 2019 event. Amanda Thomsen from Kiss my Aster will speak on creating a yard totally tailored to you. Jeff Epping will also have a talk. In addition there will be a talk on adaptive gardening as you age. 56 members went on the Montello trip to the aquaponics. The Door county trip still has openings to fill the bus at a cost of \$225.00 per person. Get signed up for that.

UW Extension Updates: It was checked into we are a non for profit status for tax exemption. We are a domestic non stock organization. This is a state level status. We need to check into who can be the agent for the group and get all the address corrections to match each other.

The state has a new recording system for our hours to be done online coming this next year. No more writing it on paper. This will be a more user friendly system set up, with no down loading. You will use this system for the criminal background checks also. This summer they will be asking you to create a file and a log in password.

New Business: New State Representatives will be co-chairs Deb Voyles and Ed Dombrowski. Motion was made by Joni Pagel to check into the county to see if there is any parameters against putting a bench in the park for deceased members near the Parkview gardens. Linda Werner second. All in favor-8, those opposed 0.

Survey results for the awards banquet are in and it looked favorable not to change it at this time. August board meeting we will discuss the pricing for members to attend.

The Emeritus members qualification wording in the bylaws will not be changing at this time. This is due to difficulty in having the emeritus members complete the in the state requirements for CBC training and other requirements not stated in the bylaws.

Discussion was made on the member's at large term, making it only 2 years instead of 3. Also it was brought up that 2 terms in an office is the limit, keeping the organization viable. A person can serve as an officer again after a 2 year break from the 1st two terms served.

September 10th is Rock the Block project. This is just an advisory project, no labor involved for 2-3 volunteers. This is a board approved 1 time only project. Eric made a motion to send out to all members. Linda Werner second. All in favor 8. Those opposed 0.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by, Lori Berndt

Second the motion, Nancy Karuhn.