

## 8/6/2019 WCMGA Board Meeting Minutes

**Present** were: Co-Presidents: Kathy Schultz, Linda Loker, Vice –President: Britton Dake, Linda Werner, Sandra Gollhofer, Ed Dombrowski, Diane Iott, Susan Forbes, Nancy Karuhn, UWEX Advisor: Kimberly Miller.

**Absent:** Susan Raasch, Joni Pagel, Ginny Slattery

**Treasurer Report:** Kathy Schultz gave the cash reconciliation report for period of July 2019. Motion made and passed to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented by Ed Dombrowski, second by Nancy Karuhn.

1. a. Follow up on checking/savings. There were changes again to the accounts situation at Associated Bank. We were informed of another monthly charge of \$10.00 for the Money Market account. In addition, we know the monthly fee for our account protection could go up at any time. Joni, Kathy and Linda met with a banker with Community First and feel confident now with what they have to offer, and recommend that the board approve transferring our accounts to Community First. A motion was made by Linda Werner and seconded by Sandy Gollhofer and the board approved unanimously to direct Joni to move our accounts to Community First.

1. b. Kathy read a motion that was made and approved via email in June. The motion, made by Kathy to approve treasurer Joni Pagel’s request to transfer \$2000 to the checking account in order to fulfill member reimbursement requests, was seconded by Sandy Gollhofer and passed unanimously with one no response.

1.c Joni had also asked us to approve moving the expiring CD money into our Money Market Account. A motion was made by Britton Dake and seconded by Linda Werner to have Joni cash in the CD money and transfer that into our Money Market Account. The board approved unanimously.

**Secretary Report:** Motion to approve June Secretary’s report, as corrected, made by Ed Dombrowski, second by Britton Dake. Motion passed unanimously.

**Project Updates:** Britton Dake reported that Janet and Dorothy are stepping down from the Farmer’s Market project. We will be looking for new leads for that project as well as other projects that have temporary leads now. We are also looking for co-leads for some of the projects. Lil has found a replacement for the Parkview flower arranging – intern Diane Thompson will be taking over next year. Britton is encouraging the leads to apply for state grants, and the deadline is October 1, 2019 for the requests.

**Education Committee Report:** Linda Werner reported that there were 18 people signed up for the prison Worm Casting tour. WE/SD speakers secured are Ben Fuda, keynote address Ecological Gardening, and his second topic has not been determined (fee \$650). Jim Neinhuis, professor of Horticulture will talk about seed development for South American countries. (Fee is free). Megan Cain is being considered, but no topic decided yet. (fee \$500). The committee is open for suggestions on speakers or topics. There will be a late September workshop at Coughlin on how to winter bulbs,

tropical plants, etc. Looking for a second speaker/topic – Let Linda know with ideas. The Fairy Garden workshop at the Brigade had 5 participants who created very nice gardens. Will work with the Brigade for feedback on the workshop. We will also be doing a workshop with the sophomore level in February. Ascend garden is growing well with tomato, radishes, lettuce, beans carrots peppers. Although participation is not high, those that are there are engaged. A Master Gardener volunteer stops each week to trouble shoot and guide work on the garden. August 29 FoodWise will partner to create a meal with the produce.

**Extension Updates:** Ashley is out on maternity leave till late October. Contact Jodi or Amy for any needs. Name badges will now be ordered statewide monthly, cost \$15. Contact Kimberly with order requests. Google drive is created and Susan and Kathy have access to try out. Level 1 training has only 6 interested, so will likely be cancelled if we don't get 10 – 12 participants. On Line Reporting System (OSR) email is going out to membership to enter hours through September 30. Help sessions will be scheduled. A Volunteer Management Specialist position has been filled in Madison, so we are receiving information needed now, such as the Volunteer definition. Eventually there will be a position description for Volunteers. Madison is creating a volunteer “hiring portal” to have one place for new volunteers to complete all requirements and then send on to the appropriate volunteer program.

**By Laws/SOP's Update:** Susan Forbes presented changes to several more sections.

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> Award Dinner:** The date has been secured with LaSure's. We will need to discuss pricing at the September board meeting

**Donation Process:** TABLED

**On line Hours Reporting:** See Extension update

**Board Process log location:** See Extension update

**Discussion of Treasure's Duties:** TABLED

**New Business:** Business meeting speakers:

September Jon Kellermann Controlled Burns

October Lisa Mick UW-O Landscape changes on campus

November Mandy Dornfeld from Extension – Generational Differences

Motion to adjourn Sandy Gollither and seconded by Ed Dombrowski. Motion passed unanimously.