

9/1/2020 WCMGA Board Meeting Minutes VIA ZOOM

1. ROLL CALL (5:40 P.M.)

Present: Co-Presidents: Ed Dombrowski, Bob Kneepkens, Vice President: Britton Dake, Secretary: Susan Raasch, Treasurer: Deby Voyles, Linda Werner, Sandra Gollither, Ginny Slattery, Grace Oliver, Kathy Schultz, Linda Loker and UWEX Advisor: Kimberly Miller. Absent: Petey Clark

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Call for a motion to approve the Board Meeting Agenda. Motion to approve the September 1, 2020 made by Linda Werner, second by Kathy Schultz. Motion passed.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. **Secretary Report:** Motion to approve August board minutes with corrections.

b. **Treasurer Report:** (Google drive for data) Deby gave the cash reconciliation report for August 2020.

1c. Budget scenarios (handouts) Deby pointed out that the balance is now negative. We need to make plans for reduced income and covering operating expenses.

2c. Donations update WCMGA has received \$275 donations in honor of Dr.

Weber to support his works at Parkview gardens. The donations were deposited and the checks were photocopied.

c. **Committee Reports**

1c. Strategic Planning Sandy Gollither and Ginny Slattery reported nothing is happening.

2d. **Education Committee:** Linda Werner reported that WE/SD is cancelled for 2021.

The Piet Oudolf film may be saved for WE/SD 2022. Continuing education opportunities are on the website and in the newsletter. Need to check and verify that those listed are approved for our members to use. Linda said that no one on the Education Committee (internal) was interested in the chairmanship, so this position will be opened up to the membership in January 2021.

d. **Projects Updates:** Britton reported that Jane Kuhn reported good volunteering and that the 2020 plan for has been pushed back. No work on the Shattuck and Neenah library projects have left unsightly beds, should WCMGA put up signage explaining Co-vid 19 pandemic has brought these projects to a halt. No decision made.

e. **Extension Report:** Kim reported that annual volunteer hours and continuing education hours for the MGs will start using the calendar year beginning 2021. Three extra months to get the continuing education hour's requirement met.

1e. Local annual dues were due September 1, 2020. The new \$20.00 dues per year for all members, regardless of marital status, will be due December 1, 2020.

f. **Communication:** Bob stated none at this time

4. Old Business

a. **MOU's:** Kim reported that she has yet to hear from any one regarding the MOU document. Are there any questions about the MOU language? Introduction's A. and B. statements should align and/or be similar B. statement The Association's purpose ... cannot use the word "Mission". WCMGA's handbook has the current mission statement. Future agendas will consider revising the "Mission statement". Hoping to have the MOU signed in 2021. Need to get document approved and stored.

b. **Emeritus/Honorary Status:** SOP's and Bylaws need to align with Extension's language about the member status. Ed and Deby are going to talk to the six current emeritus members to see how they feel about the changes in status. Send your ideas to Kimberly. There is no timeline but ASAP would be appreciated. CBC behavior agreement needs to be changed in the By-Laws. No one from the By-Laws Committee on the Board.

c. **Committee Structure**

1c. **Finance Committee:** Ed Dombrowski queried the Board about creating a Finance Committee. Positive discussion. Further action regarding creation of a Finance Committee is tabled until the October Board meeting.

d. **Awards Banquet:** Should there be a virtual presentation on Zoom to recognize members and their accomplishments, including a toast to year 2020 as it was.

1d. **Golden Trowel** Board decision to have the Golden Trowel Committee give the award out this year because the award considers member activity from past years not just this year.

5. NEW BUSINESS

1a. **Budget scenarios:** Deby Voyles trying to fill in a spreadsheet for 2021. There is a negative balance at this time. Expenses versus income and the dues coming in won't cover the negative balance. Need to reduce expenses and raise revenue, no plans at this time. Create a Finance Committee with at least 2 Board members and a MG volunteer, with some finance experience, to make recommendations to the Board. Then the Board will make an informed budgetary decision.

New dues due December 1, 2020. Britton made a motion to push the due date for member dues back to December 1, 2020 for calendar year 2021. Second by Linda Werner. Motion passed. After Deby collects the dues, MG due's forms will be given to Ann Murphy so she can compile needed information from the form.

Member meeting Tuesday Sept 8, 2020 6:00 p.m. Volunteers: Deby Voyles, Kathy Schultz and Linda Loker will assist Kimberly with running the meeting. Ginny Slattery will contact Stan and Bob with the meeting landline number. Ashley will email the printed notes for Brian's presentation. Bob Kneepkens will send out the link.

6. **ADJOURN** Move to adjourn made by Ginny Slattery. Second by Linda Loker. 7:05 PM (Next meeting: Tuesday October 6, 2020 5:30 p.m.)