

Approved 10/1/2019 WCMGA Board Meeting Minutes (Goals/Budget +Oct. Board Mtg.)

Present: Co-Presidents: Kathy Schultz, Linda Loker, Vice –President: Britton Dake, Secretary: Susan Raasch, Treasurer: Joni Pagel, Linda Werner, Sandra Golliher, Ginny Slattery, Diane Iott, UWEX Advisor: Kimberly Miller.

Absent: Ed Dombrowski, Nancy Karuhn

Goals and Budget Agenda

Kimberly Miller facilitator: Board needs to determine if expenses or dollar amount appropriate for WCMGA reserve. WCMGA is lacking a dedicated committee for fund raising. Need to safeguard special projects with the set reserve. Motion made by Sandra Golliher to approve setting the annual average expenses of 11K for reserve amount, with board reconsideration if “exceptional opportunity” presents itself, motion second by Britton Dake. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Sandra Golliher to establish two (2) years of reserves which correlates to 22K (11K expenses + 11K reserve), second by Kathy Schultz. Motion passed unanimously.

How to handle the monies over and above the set reserve will be addressed by a sub committee comprised of 2 WCMGA Board members, 1 Education Committee member, and 2-4 members from the membership. Motion made by Britton Dake to spend up to 30% of the remaining amount in the account over the 2 year reserve, if exceptional opportunity presents itself, Board approval would be needed for exp. opportunity, second by Ginny Slattery. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to form a subcommittee of 2 Board members, 1 Education member and 2-4 members to set yearly goals and make recommendations to the board made by Linda Werner, second by Sandra Golliher. Motion passed unanimously.

2020 draft Budget presentation by Joni Pagel, treasurer. This is a Zero sum budget.

Motion to approve the 2020 proposed budget made by Britton Dake, second by Diane Iott. Motion passed unanimously.

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Treasurer Report: Joni gave the cash reconciliation report for the period of September 2019. Motion made to approve the Treasurer’s report as given by Linda Werner, second by Sandra Golliher. Motion passed unanimously.

Joni Pagel requested an entry in the board minutes regarding the disposal of all checks and deposit slips from the previous WCMGA financial institution (Associated Bank). The shredding was done by WCMGA’s current financial institution Community 1st Credit Union.

Secretary Report: Motion to approve September board minutes, as corrected, made by Ginny Slattery, second by Linda Werner. Motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates: Britton reported that Project lead replacements or co-leads are needed. Descriptions of the projects would give new leads helpful information when taking on a project. Need our partners to step up, bulk of the work resting on our project leads and their volunteers. A Motion to approve the recommendations from the project leads survey made by Linda Werner, second by Diane Iott. Motion passed unanimously

Education Committee Report: Linda Werner reported there are plans for a Saturday morning workshop in March 2020 with Justin Kroening, from Stone Silo plants, talking about pollinators. A speaker from Wild Ones will talk about natives in the landscape. In April, there are plans to screen Piet Oudolf's "5 Seasons". Need a venue large enough to hold 150 people. The WCMGA Book Club plans to spin off into a private book club. There will still be book reviews at the membership meetings. Mary Moosemiller continues to work with 4-H members. Currently, there is a student poster contest "Where would we be without pollinators." Ascend is cleaning up gardens done for the year. Planning continues for 2020 WE/SDs. Doug Tollomy will speak at the Wild Ones "Harmony in nature" conference 2021.

Extension Updates: Kimberly Miller said changes are coming with the state/extension reorganization. There is a subcommittee working on MOU's. Signature authority is only in Madison. Projects will need descriptions coming in about 6 months. Online hours: 5 members dropping out because they are unhappy with the changes being made, 4 members didn't submit hours or pay dues, 1 exemption, maybe. Helping sessions for online hours really helped members. 7,000 volunteer hours reported.

New Business

Nominations/elections: Slate of candidates, treasure: Deby Voyles; board positions: Sandra Golliher, Grace Oliver, and Petey Clark. President/Co: None. Board members volunteered to call members who may possibly agree to be President/Co candidates.

December 3rd Award Dinner: Simple comforts dinner menu.

Motion to adjourn made by Linda Werner and second by Britton Dake. Motion passed unanimously