

Approved 11/5/2019 WCMGA Board Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer Report: Joni gave the cash reconciliation report for the period of October 2019. V.P. Britton Dake is now the 2nd signer on the WCMGA's Community 1st Credit Union account. Motion made to approve the Treasurer's report as given by Linda Werner, second by Ginny Slattery. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Report: Tabled until January Board Meeting, board unable to review minutes before the November Board meeting.

Project Updates: Britton reported that Project lead replacements or co-leads still needed for Omro Library and the Rain Garden.

Education Committee Report: Linda Werner reported plans for a workshop on Saturday morning, March 28, 2020. Justin Kroening, from Stone Silo plants, will be talking about pollinators. Lois Damerow from Wild Ones will talk about natives in the landscape. Education committee is still discussing the plans to screen Piet Oudolf's "5 Seasons". The WCMGA Book Club is now a separate entity. There will still be book reviews given at the membership meetings. Mary Moosemiller continues to work with 4-H members. Ascend project wrapped up for this year; hope to have some neighborhood involvement next year.

Extension Updates: Kimberly Miller said due to insurance coverage and liability, the WCMGA members will have to enroll and register to volunteer their service on projects using the online system. WCMGA members are ineligible to volunteer until this enrollment is completed. The volunteer registration's deadline is Feb 1, 2020.

There is a subcommittee in Madison working on a MOU. Friends and associates will no longer be allowed to work on projects. There will be a written description and guidelines for every project which will determine where the liability falls: extension, association or project partner.

New Business

By/Laws/SOP's: Susan Forbes presented the changes made to this document:

Mission statement hereafter Association refers to Winnebago County Master Gardeners; Extension refers to UW-Madison Division of Extension.

IC. Extension provides name badges after initial certification of Certified Master Gardener Volunteers. A minimum of 5 (five) generic name badges per month can be ordered by the Advisor.

IIA. Volunteer hours shall be submitted On Line Reporting System (ORS) by October 1 of the current year (end of program reporting year).

V. General project requirements: Change “purpose” to purpose and policy, change “Association” to Association and Extension. V.A. 2nd paragraph change “An” to A, strike “approved” before project.

V.B. Last sentence after last word approval add “by the board and Advisor.

VII. Three (3) year term limit for Project leads, 3 year term may be renewable.

XIV. *** What is done with annual forms submitted with dues— need to revise that form.

XXIII. 4th sentence date changed to **July31**.

XVI. Annual Calendar: Remove from SOP’s. Annual calendar will be a stand alone document which does not need to be approved by the membership.

XII. Monthly Business Meeting: Secretary’s Report add approval of “previous meeting” Minutes.

By Laws: Add dissolution plan of non-profit group, if ever needed. Resolution to distribute 501C3 assets to another 501C3, is this a Board or membership decision. Complete necessary tax form.

Nominations/elections: Slate of candidates; Co-Presidents: Ed Dombrowski/ Ginny Slattery, Treasurer: Deby Voyles; board positions: Sandra Gollieher, Grace Oliver, and Petey Clark.

Goals Reserve Funds Committee

Board: Co-Chairs—Ginny Slattery, Sandi Gollieher; Education committee rep. – Bob Kosanke;
Membership reps.: Ann Murphy, Alan Stabenow, Mary Shepard, and Patty Schmitz.

December 3rd Award Dinner: Simple comforts dinner menu.

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