

Dunn County Master Gardener Meeting January 21, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Location: Dunn County Community Service Building, Room 101, 3001 US Highway 12 East, Menomonie, WI 54751

Present: RaeNell Parker, Luisa Fumagalli, Sally Schendel, Charlet Keenlyne, Diane Klemme, Howard Lee, Nancy Schofield, Margaret Murphy, Sally Johnson, Jean D'Angelo, Martha Wallen, Laura Cragin. Visiting guest was Jane Schwartz

Program- Martha Wallen presented information about Monarch Butterflies

Agenda-

1. MG Meeting was called to order by Co- President Luisa Fumagalli at 7:15 p.m..
2. Additions to the agenda-discussion regarding the relocation of "Spring Begins" to small conference room (rm54) in basement level d/t another county meeting recently scheduled in the adjacent larger conference room
3. Approval of November 2019 minutes with group vote after the addition of Sally Johnson in attendance.
4. Treasurer's report -Nancy Schofield reports \$3,904.73 in MG account with recent sale of gardening gloves for upcoming "Spring Begins" program
5. Committee Reports:
 - A. WIMGA Rep Report- Diane Klemme (WIMGA rep) highlighted upcoming events: Earth Day on 4/22/2020-MG's are encouraged to consider an environmentally friendly project, the Jefferson County plant sale on May 8th and 9th, the Annual Spring Conference-"Garden U" is on Saturday 3/21/2020 with annual plant sale 5/6/2020 in Baldwin, WI. She also passed around brochures from Chippewa Valley "Think Spring" seminar 2/15/2020 at Avalon Hotel in Chippewa Falls and the annual Eau Claire County's "Ready/Set/Grow" conference at the CVTC on 2/2/2020.
 - B. Project Committee- Veteran's Garden-Luisa Fumagalli There was brief discussion regarding the verbiage on developing sign for the Veteran's Garden. Nancy Schofield reports that a butterfly image would not use word space well-she proposes a square/rectangle shape. Discussed also was what to put on the sign and was decided to have a metal sign with verbiage on both sides: Planted and maintained by Dunn County Master Gardener's on one side and No Spraying on the other side.
 - C. Program/Speaker Committee – distributed was the preliminary schedule of speakers for the 2020 year. Needed are more ideas for speakers as well as confirmation with other proposed speakers. March and April have speakers scheduled.
 - D. Finance Committee-Kathy Baumgardner, not present.
 - E. "Spring Begins!"-Sally Schendel -discussed the change of location of upcoming program as well as some changes with no distribution of seed catalogs-instead a list of seed catalogs, the gift card appreciation for speaker in the amount of \$100.00 and few responses back from vendors at this time. Howard Lee reports that he has secured donations for donuts from Quik Trip and coffee/cups from Caribou. Howard states that the donations from United Way are few and not garden related-so there was some discussions and volunteering from other members to elicit other donations from the community for prizes. More discussion with our next MG meeting.

New Business-

- Margaret Murphy discussed the need for folks to complete an annual enrollment at the state MG website by February 15 in order to be cleared for volunteering and reporting hours in the upcoming year. Visit <https://wimastergardener.org> to do so.
- Margaret also discussed a Pink Renewal Sticker program for certified MG's to place on their badge stickers. She needs to review current members for eligibility and will bring these stickers at a later date. Also proposed was that all members can get a new badge with magnet -paid for by DCMG funds. This was approved with majority vote. Margaret will also bring acknowledgements of various members/hours with February meeting.
- Upcoming annual Health Fair at UW Stout on April 1 st-Howard Lee will volunteer.
- Possible field trip to the Chanhassen Arboretum in the spring-more details to follow...
- Jean D'Angelo requested volunteers to help write horticultural quiz questions for the upcoming Science Olympiad for high school students. A list was distributed for people to sign if interested.

Old Business-

- A reminder that when counting volunteer hours-it is OK to use the whole monthly MG meeting time towards hours. Put the presentation under Continuing Ed hours and the business/meeting under Volunteer hours.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 18 th. No speaker-but instead a working meeting to complete plans for the upcoming "Spring Begins" program.

Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.. Respectfully submitted by Laura Cragin, secretary of DCMG.