

Dunn County Master Gardener Meeting—August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:30 P.M.

Location: Via Zoom

Present: Sally/Mike Schendel, Betty Verdon, Martha Wallen, Diane Klemme, Luisa Fumagalli, Charlet Keenlyne, Margaret Murphy and Laura Cragin

Program: Cindy Walkus who co-owns a CBD oil business. She discussed the health benefits of CBD oil.

DCMG AGENDA:

1. Call to Order: by president, Luisa Fumagalli at 6:30 pm via Zoom
2. Additions to Agenda: Discussion regarding the next speaker event—a proposed field trip to the Maple Leave Orchard in Spring Valley, WI. Charlet K. has had contact with the owner regarding a tour for the MG's for September. Due to Covid 19 restrictions for MG's gathering together, Margaret Murphy (horticultural agent) advised against this field trip. Instead, each of us individually could visit the orchard at 950 th Ave in Spring Valley—owned by Mark/Sue Christopher with phone number 715-778-5881.
3. Approval of June 2020 minutes- motion to approve by Diane and seconded by Charlet. All approved.
4. Treasurer's Report: Nancy Schofield was not present at the meeting, but reports a checking balance of about \$4445.53 with \$1.28 interest added.

Committee Reports:

WIMGA: Diane K. stated the April WIMGA meeting was canceled. Usually WIMGA meets twice yearly. She also mentioned that the organization is looking to add a representative to the area.

Program Committee: Charlotte will ask upcoming speakers if a Zoom presentations are possible. A future field trip to an apple orchard for September is tabled at present. There was a suggestion for her to ask speaker to present via zoom—she may inquire about this

Horticulture Program: Margaret discussed revamping of the MG training. Level One will be called the Foundations of Horticulture and would be open to anyone to attend. In the future, certification or hybrid course would be online—with some in person instruction and new policies/protocols for this is being looked at currently. There may be a pilot for this course in the fall. WIMG's policy/guidance with speakers and tours is also being looked at for possible new guidelines. As is continuing education credits—what can be counted. She discussed upcoming programs such as Plants Plus and Pollinators with access via Volunteer Vibe publication. WIMG's website is <https://wimastergardener.org/> for further information. Margaret also suggested that Dunn County MG's consider a virtual Spring Begin's workshop this coming March 2021.

Old Business: Veteran's garden has basic 'no spraying' signs for now. Nancy Scholfield reports that she can't find any help with a new MG sign at the present time. Luisa reports that the garden had been recently weeded and cleaned and is in good shape.

Pictures were sent to MG's regarding the jail garden. It is looking good—but has about half of the produce as compared to last year—d/t little help from the jail staff.

There was small discussion regarding community education provided by the DCMG's and the Boyceville school district. This time of year is when a program occurs for children in the schools by the MG's. Refer to Michelle B. for more information.

Adjourn: 7:35 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 2020. There is no speaker currently planned.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Cragin, secretary, DCMG's.