

Dunn County Master Gardener Meeting—September 15th 2020 @ 6:30 P.M.

Location: Via Zoom

Present: Sally/Mike Schendel, Martha Wallen, Luisa Fumagalli, Charlet Keenlyne, Rae Nell Parker, Nancy Schofield, Margaret Murphy and Laura Cragin

Program: There was no presentation with this meeting.

DCMG AGENDA:

1. Call to Order: by president, Luisa Fumagalli at 6:30 pm via Zoom
2. Additions to Agenda: none.
3. Approval of August 2020 minutes- motion to approve by Martha and seconded by Nancy. All approved.
4. Treasurer's Report: Nancy Schofield reports a checking balance of about \$4445.53 with a little interest added.

Committee Reports:

WIMGA: Diane K. ,WIMGA representative was not present.

Program Committee: no updates at this time, although discussion regarding sending a gas card to speakers occurred. There was also a suggestion to view peony care/transplanting via internet at <https://finagardenspeonies.com> or per Margaret-"Plants Plus" (link via volunteer vibe) <https://wimastergardener.org/plants-plus> . She also reminded folks that the weekly PBS radio program "Garden Talk" on Friday mornings also counts for continuing ed hours.

Horticulture Program: Margaret again discussed revamping of the MG training. Dianne Alfuth will be teaching 8 zoom sessions on Monday nights regarding how to certify as a master gardener. This is a "Prep Course" and discusses basic horticulture and will cost about \$50.00. This is an on board class and is a prerequisite to becoming a master gardener. After that Level 1 is being replaced by Foundations of Horticulture and would be open to anyone to attend. There is a pilot for this course currently in 4 WI counties-none nearby us. .In the future, certification or hybrid course would likely be online. Margaret also discussed that reporting MG hours for the year has been extended until December 31st, 2020. There is no requirement this year for volunteer hours but 10 hours of continuing education are needed to be recertified as an MG. If you do obtain volunteer hours-do include these hours with reporting.

Margaret also discussed working with other MG programs for upcoming Spring Begins programs and consider a zoom program. May even consider sharing speakers between counties/MG's. Howard had contacted a speaker from the Minnesota Arboretum to speak at our future program in March of 2021.

Old Business: Veteran's garden needs cleanup for the fall and Luisa will be requesting volunteers to assist.

Kathy B. - it is harvest time at the jail garden. They are harvesting every 3 days without any huber assistance. A total weight of vegetable growth will be available in October.

Martha has been maintaining gardens at the Dunn County Historical Society at Wakanda Park.

Adjourn: 7:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 2020. no speaker currently planned.

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