

Dunn County Master Gardener Meeting—October 20th 2020 @ 6:30 P.M.

Location: Via Zoom

Present: Sally/Mike Schendel, Martha Wallen, Luisa Fumagalli, Charlet Keenlyne, Nancy Schofield, Margaret Murphy, Howard Lee, Diane Klemme, Betty Verdon 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: Membership update -Rae Hayden has moved out of the area and Kathy Baumgardener has left the DCMG organization.
3. Approval of September 2020 minutes- motion to approve by Nancy S and seconded by Char K. All approved.
4. Treasurer's Report: Nancy Schofield reports a checking balance of about \$4552.53 with a little interest added.

Officer Rotation/Election: both Vice President and Secretary positions need to be voted on. Laura C. volunteered to continue as secretary for another 2 year term and Martha W. volunteered for Vice President. These positions were given motions by Luisa and Char and unanimously approved by the members present. Nancy S. also stated she is stepping down from her term as treasurer as of December 2020. This position will need to be filled until October 2021 -when it is voted on again for a 2 year term. No one in the MG group expressed interest in the position at this time.

Committee Reports:

WIMGA: Diane K. stated that WIGMA is revamping some of their bylaws and will likely have their annual meeting until after Nov. 1st.

Program Committee/Speaker Updates- discussion regarding future presentations. With Zoom meetings-there is some concern that future speakers may not be able to connect with us via Zoom, etc. However, Char will approach Conklin Farms about a porch pot presentation for our meeting in November. Other suggestions for future presentations were birds/birdhouses (Betty V.) and Erin LaFave presentation about herbs (Margaret). Margaret also stated that a recent Food Preservation presentation by Becky Ellen was recorded and she will work to obtain this for us to view at a future date.

Horticulture Program: Margaret again discussed revamping of the MG training. Dianne Alfuth and Margaret will be teaching 8 zoom sessions on Monday nights through November regarding how to certify as a master gardener. This is a "Prep Course" and discusses basic horticulture. 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 next fall and would be open to anyone to attend. She also discussed a mentoring program for new volunteers-she will send more info. This is a new program starting up to keep new volunteers connected and will pair certified MG's with new members for 1-2 month periods of time. 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 in order to be re-certified as an MG. If you do obtain volunteer hours-do include these hours with reporting. No changes yet with UW extension as far as any in person meetings being allowed.

Spring Begins-there was some ongoing discussion about working with other local MG programs for upcoming Spring Begins programs and consider a zoom program for February/March 2021. May even consider sharing speakers between counties/MG's. Howard has attempted contacting Sonja Burke, a speaker from the Minnesota Arboretum, to speak at our future program in March of 2021. He has not heard back from her yet after several attempts of contact.

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

Kathy B. was not present to discuss the jail garden.

Howard states a D. Ciesielski has amaryllis bulbs to give away and can be contacted by phone @715 233 0236 if interested.

Adjourn: 7:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2020. Potential presentation with Conklin Farms.

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