

Dunn County Master Gardener Meeting—November 17th, 2020 @ 6:30 P.M.

Location: Via Zoom

Present: Sally/Mike Schendel, Martha Wallen, Luisa Fumagalli, Charlet Keenlyne, Margaret Murphy, Howard Lee, Diane Klemme, Betty Verdon, Kathie Metzger and Laura Cragin; guests-Catherine Bauer / Gracie Bloom from Conklin Tree Farm

Program: Conklin Tree Farm presentation on how to make seasonal porch pots

DCMG AGENDA:

1. Call to Order: by president, Luisa Fumagalli at 6:30 pm via Zoom
2. Additions to Agenda: none
3. Approval of October 2020 minutes- motion to accept by Howard Lee and seconded by Char K. All approved.
4. Treasurer's Report: checking balance remains about \$4552.53. Kathy Metzger has agreed fill vacated treasurer position with Nancy Schofield stepping down. Motion made to approve her use of checking account made by Sally and Laura. Kathy will serve this position until October 2021-when it is voted on again for 2 year term.

Committee Reports:

WIMGA: Diane K. states that next WIMGA meeting is December 3rd with topic of general bylaw's discussed-which apparently does not pertain to DCMG's. Other anticipated topics are Article 3 membership, honored MG's and the ability to exempt inactive members. Dues for this organization has been moved to March instead of the usual January dues.

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. RaeNel P. who is on the speaker committee has been ill and unable to assist with her duties in this project. Anyone with program ideas for our monthly MG meetings-please share. Laura C. will share some information about previous speakers-perhaps we can revisit some of these folks again.

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. Some of these classes are being revised yet. There will be a cost of \$100.00 to take Level 1 class. 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 disclosed that Polk county has defunded her position and will not be part of the northwest Wisconsin MG group any longer.

Education Hours: There is no requirement this year for volunteer hours but 10 hours of continuing education(speaker presentations) are needed in order to be re-certified as an MG. If you do obtain volunteer hours(business meetings)-do include these hours with reporting. Deadline for reporting is December 31st, 2020.

Spring Begins-there have been meetings and much progress working with other local MG programs for upcoming Spring Begins/Growing Together seminar via zoom during February/March 2021-consisting of four Saturday presentations. Total cost of all presentations will be \$10.00 per person. Registration information is pending. Cost of speakers will be split by all counties involved. First seminar is schedule on February20th and will feature Sonya Burke. Other meetings are consecutive Saturdays ending March 13th, 2021. More details to follow as the planning committee (Sally S. and Howard L) continue to develop this seminar.

Old Business/New Business: Howard L. made a motion to have dues taken out of the DCMG treasury-which would include \$10.00 operating cost and \$5.00 state involvement fee for each MG member. This is slated to begin in 2021.

Adjourn: 7:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 19th, 2021. No confirmed speaker proposed at this time.

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