

Dunn County Master Gardener Meeting—February 16, 2021 @ 6:30 P.M.

Location: Via Zoom

Present: Sally/Mike Schendel, Martha Wallen, Luisa Fumagalli, Charlet Keenlyne, Margaret Murphy, Howard Lee, Diane Klemme, Laura Cragin, and Kathie Metzger

Program: no presentation

DCMG AGENDA:

1. Call to Order: by president, Luisa Fumagalli at 6:33 pm via Zoom
1. Additions to Agenda: none
2. Approval of November 2020 minutes- motion to accept by Mike S and Howard L. All approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: checking balance reported at \$4589.60 by Kathie Metzger, treasurer DCMG's.

Committee Reports:

WIMGA/DCMG website- Diane Klemme discussed that certified MG's were recognized and honored with 1000 hours and 10 years of service at recent WIMGA meetings. Bylaw's were rewritten/updated/approved by all. Current dues will be paid by DCMG association and will be due annually in the fall. Refer to DCMG's website - <https://dunnmastergardeners.weebly.com> for more information.

Program Committee/Speaker Updates- discussion regarding future presentations. Anyone with program ideas for our monthly MG meetings-please share. We would like to have a speaker for our April meeting. Martha Wallen discussed that the Minnesota Arboretum offers some virtual classes that folks can use for educational hours. Also-there remains a strong interest in a field trip to the Minnesota Arboretum as a group project-when gathering is allowed-post pandemic.

Horticulture Program: Margaret Murphy stated The Wisconsin MG online reporting of hours website needs to be visited and behavioral/expectation links needs to be reviewed and acknowledged each year-prior to March 31, 2021-otherwise you are considered out of the MG program. The new 'Onboarding' class will be available in a Canvas account and offers 10 hours of continuing ed. (not required). She also discussed the new scope of volunteer program and asked for feedback if the Canvas program is hard. For 2021, required hours for recertification for MG's is the same as 2020-thinking pandemic-no volunteer hours and 10 educational hours are required. Various volunteer projects will need to be approved by the WIMG's and there is a new form for volunteer hours that requests approval of project(describe purpose/need/goals). There is some discussion of liability with community projects as well. Margaret states no plant sales/other fund raising projects in 2021 d/t pandemic. Currently "Growing Together" has 291 registered folks. The Wisconsin Garden Expo sponsored by PBS is virtual 2/21/21 and 2/22/21 and is free-however only specific seminars from this Expo are accepted for continuing ed hours by WIMG's. She also states the Volunteer Vibe is out today. April 5-8th is MG volunteer week-we may want to consider any recognition or program involvement to celebrate.

Growing Together- the first presentation is February 20th, 2021 and will continue for 3 consecutive Saturdays through February and March. Suggestions were made to reimburse Sonya as a speaker. Motion was made to pay her \$200.00 for speaking-and was approved by group vote. The entire program is coming along very well-thanks to our MG's-Howard, Sally S. and Luisa.

New Business-some discussion regarding upcoming community projects such as the Veteran's Garden.

Adjourn: 7:16 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 16th, 2021. No speaker with this meeting.

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