

Dunn County Master Gardener Meeting—March 16th, 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, RaeNell Parker and Kathie Metzger

Program: no presentation

DCMG AGENDA:

1. Call to Order: by president, Luisa Fumagalli at 6:40 pm via Zoom
1. Additions to Agenda: Menomonie Public Library Seed Exchange Program
2. Approval of DCMG's February 2021 minutes- motion to accept by Mike S and Howard L. All approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: checking balance reported at \$4390.07 by Kathie Metzger, treasurer DCMG's. Some expenses this month with Growing Together speaker donations.

Committee Reports:

WIMGA/DCMG website- Diane Klemme discussed that she has put new pictures on our website. She also states that the newly recommended bylaws by WIMG's have been revised and added to our website. 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. Some ideas were discussed: Diana Alfuth (scented flowers), Roger Herman (roses-he does not want to do a Zoom meeting), sculpture gardens-outdoor tour, Ellen from ECMG's-citrus trees , Andy Heren (heirloom tomatoes) pollinator gardens, edible perennials, Rush Creek garden tour, etc.

Horticulture Program: Margaret Murphy states that the new 'Onboarding' class has started and has about 11 people actively taking the class at this time. Some of these students want to be mentored. An upcoming meeting is planned for early April for mentor training. April 5-9th is MG volunteer week. There will be a project approval form to complete prior to MG volunteer participation. Margaret will inquire about future outdoor meetings-if possible with pandemic.

Growing Together - conclusions/Sally S, Howard, Luisa: Wonderful program!! 320 people registered from 47 counties, 15 people from out of state. Able to view programs until April 1st. Approximately \$300.00 profit goes to each county involved from registration fees.

Added agenda item: Menomonie Public Library seed exchange program- Kathie M. was given the existing library seed inventory(~400 seed packets)-she is wondering how to use this. The library has not been open d/t pandemic and the previous person in charge of seed program is not working at the library any more. Many ideas were discussed-she will hold onto the seeds for now-maybe distribute to community projects (community garden, farmers market, 4H groups, J. D'Angelo at the Menomonie HS, etc.

New Business-some discussion regarding community projects such as the Veteran's Garden-Luisa ordered plants in February from Rush Creek nursery-delivery will be beginning May and will be housed at Mike/Sally S. house until planting is appropriate.

Adjourn: 7:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 20th 2021. Speaker pending with this meeting.

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