

Dunn County Master Gardener Meeting—April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:30 P.M.

Location: Via Zoom

Present: Sally/Mike Schendel, Betty Verdon, Martha Wallen, Luisa Fumagalli, Charlet Keenlyne, Margaret Murphy, Howard Lee, Laura Cragin, Nancy Schofield, RaeNell Parker and Kathie Metzger

Program: Andy Heron from ECMG's-presented on Heirloom Tomatoes

DCMG AGENDA:

1. Call to Order: by president, Luisa Fumagalli at 7:25 pm via Zoom
1. Additions to Agenda: 1) Insurance and 2) Moose Lodge requests ideas for landscaping
2. Approval of DCMG's March 2021 minutes- motion to accept by Luisa F. and Howard L. All approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: checking balance reported at \$4390.58 by Kathie Metzger, treasurer DCMG's. Some expenses this month with Growing Together speaker donations.

Committee Reports:

WIMGA/DCMG website- Diane Klemme, our WIMGA representative was not present. DCMG's website - <https://dunnmastergardeners.weebly.com>

Program Committee/Speaker Updates- discussion regarding future presentations. Anyone with program ideas for our monthly MG meetings-please share. Some ideas were discussed: Diane Alfuth-flower combinations, Roger Herman can discuss roses in August if in person meeting. Hold off on tours for now until more guidance from WIMG's-due to pandemic.

Horticulture Program: Margaret Murphy states that planters outside of the Dunn Co. Extension office need some care. If interested-4/21/2021 is a working day for this project. Margaret also stated that if participating in a MG project and it was approved last year-just fill out the WIMG form. No indoor meetings yet d/t pandemic through 5/2021. Also, Farm Technology Days are planned for July 2021 at the Huntingsinger (?sp) Farm outside of Eau Claire. There is a need for folks to help make containers for display. Rae Nell states that her boss may donate plants from his greenhouse in Barron Co. Finally, Margaret discussed insurance concerns with WIMG's. She states that projects approved/and under extension guidance are covered by the University insurance; other projects not extension related (school/parks/plant sales, etc) are not covered. MG association activities such as continuing ed projects are also covered. There is NO official insurance policy yet from WIMG's-but discussion continues.

Additions to agenda- Moose Lodge is requesting assistance with plants that may improve the front of their building -per Howard. Kathie M and Rae Nell P. are interested in helping

New Business- 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. Luisa will be out of town until beginning of May-Laura C. and her plan on weeding the garden in preparation for planting when she returns.

The Jail garden is approved and will begin growing soon. The Huber's will be helping this year. Other volunteers are needed.

There will be a Earth Day project at Woodwinds-north of Wheeler-this coming Saturday if anyone is interested.

Adjourn: 8:05 p.m. 1 hour of Education and ¾ hour of Volunteer credit received with attendance.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 2021. Speaker is Sue Crisp-she will discuss pollinators.

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