

Dunn County Master Gardener Meeting—May 18<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, Diane Klemme, RaeNell Parker, Karen Harmon, and Kathie Metzger

Program: Sue Crisp, a Chippewa Valley MG, presented on pollinators and Lake Wissota State Park-where she maintains gardens there.

DCMG AGENDA:

1. Call to Order: by president, Luisa Fumagalli at 7:25 pm via Zoom
1. Additions to Agenda: new member to DCMG's is Karen Harmon-who recently completed MG coursework.
2. Approval of DCMG's April 2021 minutes- motion to accept by Sally S. and Diane K., voting resulted in an all approval.
3. Treasurer's Report: checking balance reported at ~\$4600.00 by Kathie Metzger, treasurer DCMG's.

Committee Reports:

WIMGA/DCMG website- Diane Klemme, our WIMGA representative discussed that the WIMGA newsletter was recently sent out to members and that there has been a drop in members in the last 2 years. 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 will discuss flower combinations in June and Roger Herman will discuss roses in August if in person meeting. There are hopes to do a garden tour in the near future.

Horticulture Program: Margaret Murphy states no indoor meetings yet d/t pandemic through 5/2021. It is OK to meet with less than 20 people for less than 2 hours outside at this time. Also, Farm Technology Days are planned for July 21-22, 2021 at the Huntingsinger (?sp) Farm outside of Eau Claire. There is a need for folks to help make containers for display or to offer information about MG program/services at a table. 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 (ex.-library gardening, 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.

Project Reports- 1) the Veteran's Garden-Luisa stated plants from Rush Creek nursery were delivered and will be housed at Mike/Sally S.until planting -hopefully this week. Sprinkler system is now set up. Luisa asked for assistance planting this week.

2) Kathie Metzger reports that the Jail garden began planting this week.

Adjourn: 7:55 p.m. 1 hour of Education and 1/2 hour of Volunteer credit received with attendance.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021(via Zoom) Speaker is Diana Alfuth-she will discuss flower planting .

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