

Dunn County Master Gardener Meeting—January 18, 2022 @ 6:30 P.M.

Location: via Zoom

Present: Howard Lee, Margaret Murphy, Sally and Mike Schendel, Martha Walleen, RaeNell Parker, Laura Cragin, Luisa Fumagalli, Karen Harmon, Char Keenlyne, Diane Klemme and Kathie Metzger and guest-Chris Smith.

Program: Presentation on entomology, by Arthur Kneeland, Biologist from UW Stout Biology Department

DCMG AGENDA:

1. Call to Order: by Howard Lee, president at 6:30 p.m.
2. Kathy Metzger, treasurer reports an amount of \$4,331.38 in our current checking account.

Committee Reports:

WIMGA/DCMG website- Diane Klemme, our WIMGA representative, did not attend the October WIMGA meeting.

DCMG's website - <https://dunnmastergardeners.weebly.com>

Program Committee/Speaker Updates- no discussion regarding future speakers, other than a request to have Arthur Kneeland return to discuss IPM.

Horticulture Program: Margaret Murphy, horticulture educator, discussed some of the new changes to the Wisconsin Master Gardener Program: definitions for volunteer organizations and the need to label each organization now-not the volunteer effort as well as the necessity to have an agreement with volunteer organizations before efforts of volunteering occur from DCMG's-via a written form/agreement. She also discussed the educational program for MG's-the Foundations course that is offered in the fall/cost \$300.00/and is 12 weeks long as well as the Onboard course the is required for MG volunteers and can be found at the state WIMG website. Margaret also pointed out that the educational requirements for MG's is still evolving. Margaret also stated that Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls master gardener programs are inquiring about liability insurance for their organizations.

Officers Meeting -Howard discussed the options moving forward for DCMG's. At the recent officer's meeting in December, it was decided to continue as an organization, but to meet less frequently. We would also like to grow -increase visibility and members. One idea for visibility is to have a Facebook page for DCMG's. Kathie Metzger has agreed to assist with this project.

Project Reports- 1) the Veteran's Garden-nothing happening at the present, but Luisa will contact the Menomonie Municipality/City Works department and develop a volunteer agreement with them.

2) Kathie Metzger will discuss a volunteer agreement with the Jail Garden.

3) Howard has met with Menomonie Community Gardens and will work on a volunteer agreement with them. He clarified that a volunteer agreement may include a background check on an MG if that individual is working with children in the community.

4) Laura Cragin made a porch pot that was donated to The Neighbors of Dunn County. She will pick it up in the spring and plans to remake a new one for them next holiday season.

5) Hub Spot Pilot-Howard discussed that his role in this small western master gardener committee has been discontinued d/t his other commitments.

New Business- Sally Shendel discussed Growing Together- planned for Saturday, March 12, 2022 from 9:30-12N. Two speakers -Bob Dahm (Alternatives for Traditional Gardening) and Jeff Eppings (Gravel Gardening). No door prizes this year. The cost is \$5.00. It will held via Zoom and available in YouTube for alternative viewing. Invites and registration coming soon.

Adjourn: 8:30. 1 hour of education and 1 hour of Volunteer credit received with attendance.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 via Zoom. We will ask Arthur Kneeland to speak again regarding Integrated Pest Management.

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