

Dunn County Master Gardener Meeting—February 15, 2022 @ 6:30 P.M.

Location: via Zoom

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

Program: Presentation by Mike Racette, owner of Spring Hill Community Farm discussed positive aspects of mulching in the garden. (<https://www.springhillcommunityfarm.com/>)

DCMG AGENDA:

1. Call to Order: by Howard Lee, president, at 6:30 p.m. Meeting started after presentation at 7:15.
2. Approval of minutes from January 2022 meeting -motion made to accept as is and all approved.
3. Kathy Metzger, treasurer, reports an amount of approximately \$4,000 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> Diane states that she has put new pictures on the website.

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

Horticulture Program: Margaret Murphy, horticulture educator, was not present at our meeting.

Facebook update: Kathie has the FB site up and running with about 21 followers at this time. <https://www.facebook.com> -look/search under Dunn County Master Gardeners.

Project Reports-

1) DCMG's will need to discuss a volunteer agreement with the Jail Garden, Veteran's Garden and Evergreen Cemetery

2) Howard has met with Menomonie Community Gardens and has developed a volunteer agreement with them (previous attachment)

3) Liability for MG's-and attachment was sent by Margaret Murphy, our horticulture educator, previously. Discussed was that it is not necessary for an MG organization to have liability insurance-however, some MG organizations have opted to have it.

4) Sally Schendel 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. Registration has begun.

5) Other business:

-Howard requested someone to take over the distribution of gas cards to future speakers-as our way of thanking them for their time/efforts. Diane Klemme has agreed to take on this task.

-Stout Wellness Fair is Wednesday, April 6th, 2022. We have participated in this in the past. Diane K. and Laura C. volunteered for this event.

-Meeting times will be **every other month** now.

-Menomonie Public Library has asked DCMG's to make a display for the month of March in one of their display cases. -Kathie, Laura, Diane and Howard will assist.

-Luisa requested a donation from DCMG's to assist with LCIP fundraiser. Martha made a motion to donate \$100.00 and Laura seconded it. All voted to agree.

Adjourn: 8:00. 1 hour of education and 1 hour of Volunteer credit received with attendance.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 19th, 2022 -location TBD. We will ask Arthur Kneeland to speak regarding Integrated Pest Management.

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