

Walworth County MGVA Board Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. and was held at UWExtension Office in Elkhorn.

Those present were: Janet Yakes, Jean Curran, Sharon Bird, Linda Keck, Chrissy Wen, Kim Frank, Sue Leedle, Sherry Mathews, Sara Nason, JoAnn Hollander, Deanna Stirmel, and Evelyn Walnik.

1. The Secretary read the minutes from the September 18, 2014 meeting. A motion to approve them as written was made by Linda Keck. Sue Leedle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Recognition Dinner Update** - Janet Yakes reported that 26 members have registered to date for this event to be held on November 12, 2014. Evelyn Walnik will send a reminder notice to all.
3. **End of Year Preparation** – The team leaders present were asked if they were willing to stay on for the coming year. All current leaders agreed with the exception of the Raffle Team. JoAnn Hollander and Barb Gudowicz are stepping down after the December 2014 Association meeting. JoAnn Hollander volunteered to write up a description of the duties and guidelines for this committee. She also agreed to be available for support during the transition of new volunteers for the team.

Kim Frank and Sue Leedle stated they are always looking for new ideas for the Program Team. Please contact them with any suggestions you may have for future programs.

Chrissy Wen requested an update from Deanna Stirmel as to what's going on with WIMGA. Deanna reported she will be attending the meeting in Hancock, WI this Saturday (Oct 18, 2014) and will report back.

Janet Yakes will contact Annette Mayfield with regards to the status of our Newsletter.

Janet also stated there was no need at present to select a Nominating Team, as there are no Board positions up for election in 2015.

Discussion of Any Issues:

Sara Nason (Historian) is always looking for pictures of “what we do” with regards to the projects our members are involved in. She is compiling a book to demonstrate the Walworth County Master Gardeners Association and their projects.

Janet Yakes reported she has 4 to 5 members interested in the upcoming Calendar Committee project. This will be available for sale in 2015. If interested in helping, please contact her.

Suggestions for the coming year:

Begin organizing a team to start looking at gardens for our next Garden Walk in 2016.

Cookbook Fundraiser – Evelyn Walnik will send out a notice asking for interest in this project as well as volunteers to form a team.

Future Direction:

Chrissy Wen presented her ideas for Master Gardener Association long term goals with respect to the need for greater teaching in our community. A new website for Level 1 training will be implemented. This will be a new format and all Master Gardeners are able to view it online. The idea is to preview the topic for the class online, and then give hands-on instruction at class time.

There will also be volunteer “tips” on our monthly meeting notices in the future.

There being no further discussion, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sherry Mathews at 7:45 p.m. Sara Nason seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Bird
WCMGVA Secretary