

Walworth County MGVA Board Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M. and was held at the Lake Geneva Public Library.

Those present were: Janet Yakes, Jean Curran, Sharon Bird, Linda Keck and Deanna Stirmel.

1. The Secretary read the minutes from the Annual Meeting which took place on January 14, 2015. A motion to approve them as written was made by Linda Keck. Jean Curran seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Audit Review Questions** – The Treasurer addressed the question of whether WCMGVA needs to have a P.O. Box. Janet Yakes explained the need is justified based upon our current “tax exempt” status. Per government regulations, WCMGVA must maintain a consistent, permanent address. The second reason to maintain a P.O. Box is that it needs to be a convenience for the person picking up our mail (currently our Vice President).

2. **WIMGA UPDATE – Deanna Stirmel**

A copy of the WIMGA Annual Report was provided encompassing statewide annual accomplishment reports of the various Master Gardener Associations’ in Wisconsin. It was suggested to get one more copy of this annual report for the Treasurer to keep for reference.

Deanna also reported on the WIMGA State Face to Face Meeting which she attended this past October 18, 2014 in Hancock, WI.

3. **Tax Exempt Status** - Janet Yakes reported this has been another outstanding issue. “Tax exempt” means being “exempt” from state tax when we purchase something for our association. She reported we were not being recognized by the state as a tax exempt entity. Our accounting agent, Carlson & Halpern, has now rectified this misunderstanding and we now have a tax exempt number for purchasing.

The next scheduled Board Meeting will be March 19, 2015 at the Mukwonago Community Library at 6:30 P.M.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:55 P.M. by Jean Curren. Linda Keck seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Bird – WCMGVA Secretary

