

WCMGV BOARD MEETING MINUTES – May 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 P.M. and held at President Yakes residence, 3127 South Road, Lake Geneva, WI.

Attendees: Janet Yakes, Jean Curran, Sharon Bird, Kathleen Karcher, Sara Nason, Sherry Mathews, Liz Smith, and Michael Schwabe.

Minutes from the Annual Meeting on January 10, 2018 were read by the Secretary. One correction was noted. Liz Smith is to assist on the Program Committee. Sherry Mathews motioned to accept the amended minutes, Janet Yakes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- 1. Treasure's Report** – Kathleen reported current balances in accounts. She also stated the tax filing is at the accountants office being updated. Because our current version of Quick Books is 2013, a motion was made by Sherry Mathews to update to the latest version available. Jean Curran seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **It was also noted that Kathleen Karcher is the new Treasurer of the Walworth County Master Gardener Volunteer Association as of January 2016, replacing Linda Keck.**
- 2. Mailing List (email and US post) Volunteer Opportunities and Meeting Notices** – Janet Yakes spoke in Betty Novy's absence, that Betty is currently working on updating these lists to: 1) Remove inactive members from our mailing list and 2) Remove from our mailing list any members if dues are not paid. Discussion ensued. It was suggested that two (2) separate email notices of monthly meetings be sent- those who pay dues and those who are non-paying. **Of note, is that our meetings are open to due paying members. Anyone wishing to attend our monthly meetings and outings are expected to pay the annual membership fee (\$20.00).** This policy will be enforced beginning with our September 2018 monthly meeting.

Janet Yakes motioned to amend our current membership standards to insure that all master gardeners attending our meetings and functions are up-to-date on their annual dues to our association. Kathleen Karcher seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. WIMGA conference in September (21-22) in Eau Claire-** This annual conference is open to any Master Gardener wishing to attend. A number of our members present stated they were interested. As a gesture of support for the association, Sara Nason motioned for our association to donate \$100.00 to support the Eau Claire WIMGA State Conference fund raiser. Mike Schwabe seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Scholarship Offering** – Janet reported there is still money available in our scholarship fund to offer for the 2018-2019 school year even though no particular fund raiser for 2018 has been scheduled. Two awards will be given out when candidates are selected to a Walworth County High School and Gateway Technical College.

5. **Discussion of future venues for our group** – Moving forward in regards to direction for our association, Janet Yakes moved to establish a committee to do a feasibility study on education/garden related demonstrations for horticulture educational purposes to the public. Jean Curran seconded. Motion passed unanimously. An email to members will follow regarding this committee.

Kathleen Karcher motioned to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Sherry Mathews seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Bird
Secretary