

Walworth County Master Gardener Volunteer Board Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2019

Start: 3:00 P.M.

In Attendance: Julie Hill, Nina Ruskey, Suzanne Markus, Sherry Mathews, Sandy Schwartz

Julie Hill spoke that beginning this year we will be co-branding with the U.W. Madison. We will be needing new shirts with a new logo, which she is working on. She also said that there will be a memorandum of understanding. To be a part of the association there are multiple things that must occur, including a criminal background check every two years and mandated reporting and training. Julie also mentioned going forward next year for new projects we will need a form signed and OK'd due to liability issues.

Volunteer hours will have an October 1st cutoff date for 2018-19. The fair this year will count toward this year's hours but going forward it will count on the current year's hours.

Our dues will be due on October 1. To simplify membership, the dues will now be collected in one check of \$25, with \$20 for membership and \$5 for state.

Sherry has said that we now have a Wisconsin tax exempt I.D.

Suzanne has offered to do a tutorial for our members on how to input their hours online. We are participating in a pilot program for online reporting. Suzanne will do a demo on the training for those who would like to attend. She thought perhaps 2 sessions in August and 1 in September during the day and one at night. There is an online tutorial for reporting your hours available now and you will get credit for watching it. Next year we thought we could do a Q & A session on reporting hours.

Our banquet this year will be at a different facility. It will be in November and Nina Ruskey is researching multiple places.

Going forward next year we will go to a 5:30 pm start time in the summer, as 4:00 was too difficult for those who worked.

Jean Curran has offered to run the Sign-up Genius for the Fair.

We are checking to see if we can add a table at the Fair for children to color. We also plan on getting more of the rubber bugs.

The meeting ended at 5:00 P.M.