

10/6/2020 WCMGA Board Meeting Minutes VIA ZOOM

1. ROLL CALL (5:31 P.M.)

Present: Co-Presidents: Ed Dombrowski, Bob Kneepkens, Vice President: Britton Dake, Secretary: Susan Raasch, Treasurer: Deby Voyles, Linda Werner, Sandra Golliher, Ginny Slattery, Petey Clark, Grace Oliver, Kathy Schultz, Linda Loker and UWEX Advisor: Kimberly Miller.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Call for a motion to approve the Board Meeting Agenda. Motion to approve the October 6, 2020 agenda made by Petey Clark, second by Kathy Schultz. Motion passed.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **Secretary Report:** Motion to approve September board minutes with corrections.
- b. **Treasurer Report:** (Google drive for data) Deby gave the cash reconciliation report for September 2020. The balance is in the red. More discussion under Old Business.

c. **Committee Reports**

1c. Strategic Planning -- Sandy Golliher reported there is a zoom committee meeting scheduled on October 16 at 11:15 A.M. to develop future plans.

2d. **Education Committee:** Linda Werner reported the Education Committee met virtually in September, next meeting in early 2021. No virtual showing of the Piet Oudolf film. Continuing education opportunities are on the website and in the newsletter. Mary Moosemiller will be the next Education Committee chair. Linda Werner and Mary will attend the next board meeting. The raffle license is expiring in October. The license will be renewed. The cost is \$25.00. WCMGA needs a license to do fund raising next year.

- d. **Projects Updates:** Britton reported that there is some fall cleanup being done. Jerry submitted the annual report for the Octagon House. Miravida Butterfly garden received a \$250 grant. The Parkview cutting garden project is applying for a grant. Annual project reports, from the four approved projects, are due. Britton will send out an email reminder to the project leads.
- e. **Extension Report:** Kim reported that Winnebago Co. is the epicenter of the Covid 19 pandemic. She will be instructing the four approved projects to use extreme caution when working on those projects. Need to continue social distancing and wearing a mask outside. MG guidelines are pretty strict at this time.
- f. **Communication:** Bob stated none at this time

4. Old Business

a. **Budget-2020**

How should the MG Board handle -\$1507.88 balance?

After discussion, Petey Clark made a motion to take \$2,000 out of the goal reserves to cover the 2020 budget. Keeping the \$22,000 fund reserves. Second made by Sandra Golliher. Motion passed.

- b. **MOU's:** Kim reported that she has yet to hear from any one regarding the MOU document. MG By-laws and SOP's need to be aligned with the State's language. Ed will assign this work to the By-laws Committee.
- c. **Emeritus/Honorary Status:** SOP's and Bylaws need to align with Extension's language about the member status. Ed and Deby reported on their contact with the six current emeritus members. Marge was the only member that wanted to be in the MG membership booklet. Marge is current with her criminal background check. She just needs the annual enrollment to be completed. Deby will help Marge complete the paperwork.
- d. **Committee Structure**
 - 1d. **Finance Committee:** The need for a finance committee at this time is no longer supported. Ed Dombrowski called for a motion to create a finance committee. No motion. Motion failed.
- e. **Awards Banquet**
 - 1e. **Golden Trowel:** Idea to have a virtual presentation on Zoom to present the Golden trowel award and have a memorial for Dr. Weber.

Bob made a motion to have a virtual Awards Banquet on December 15th. Linda Werner second the motion. Motion passed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Elections (2021) November election for: Vice President and Secretary positions.
- b. Scholarships (2021)
Tabled to November budget discussion.
- c. Membership/Dues Forms
Revised and posted on-line with \$20.00 amount. Refund overpayment made by members.
- d. Policy Revisions
 - 1d. Committee: Susan Forbes, Joni Pagel, Nancy Karuhn
- e. Zoom Board/Business Meeting Invites—Ed and Bob are responsible for: sending out invites, reminder to speaker. Linda L will contact Bob and Stan with call in number
- f. Referral of questions to Bob/Ed—Association questions to be answered by Co-Presidents not Kimberly.
- g. Fund raising for revenue
Move to budget
Bring fund raising need to Business Meeting, involve members. Use breakout sessions for brainstorming.
- h. Additional new business—Linda Loker reminded Board that Dr. Weber's passing should be memorialized with plaque on bench located near front door of Coughlin Center.

6. **ADJOURN** Move to adjourn made by Linda Loker. Second by Ginny Slattery. Passed 7:14 PM

(Next meeting: Tuesday November 3, 2020 6:00 p.m.)