

11-21-2019 - GCMG MONTHLY MEETING

Location: Y&Ag.

Members Present: 16.

Hours: Support 1¾, education ½ .

The club gathering started at 6:30 pm with our potluck meal featuring Norwegian food with lefse made by Connie Larson and Wendy Johnson, Krumkake made by Connie, and meatballs made by Natasha. Other delicious food was provided by members.

Our meeting followed the meal and was called to order at 7:15 pm by Vice President Wendy. Minutes were approved from the last meeting, and roll call was taken by the Secretary. The treasurer's report was given. A donation of \$100 was paid to Family Promise, and a donation of \$50 will be made to the Platteville Farmers Market for the children's program. We have \$2,754.91 in our checking account as of 11-21-2019. Motion to accept made by Nancy M., seconded by Ken.

Old Business:

1. Bus Tour Update: Karin gave a report on the bus trip planned for this coming summer. The date had to be changed to Friday, June 26th. We will be going to the Genoa Fish Hatchery, Friendship Gardens in LaCrosse, Vernon Winery near Viroqua, and Second Nature Landscaping in Reedstown. She will try to keep the price of the trip to around \$45. She asked for a \$150 donation from the club in case it is needed; Marsha made the motion, Ken seconded it.
2. Website New Information: Wendy told us that there is new information on our Master Gardeners website that we need to check out.
3. WIMGA Grants: We received \$400 for the 2020 spring conference and \$100 for the computer update for Myleen. The license name will be under Master Gardeners.
4. Planning Committee Update: The committee has their monthly speakers. Our February 20th meeting will have a learning session demonstrating how different colors represent different personalities of our members.
5. President Election: Shirley was the only member to accept the nomination, and she was unanimously elected by a verbal vote. She will have a one-year term.
6. Tech Education Committee: It was discussed that it might be helpful to have a technical education committee to help people navigate the website and online reporting. This will be discussed more in detail at the next meeting in February.

New Business:

1. 4-H Creative Youth Expo: This will be held on July 18th. Karin will work on this with help from others.
2. Karin's Garden Giveaway: Karin brought with her tonight the free garden supplies she was given and that members signed up for last month. They will be dispersed tonight before everyone goes home.
3. Member Recognition: Certificates were passed out to: Melanie for 250 hours, Marsha and Natasha for 150 hours, Kathy for 500 hours, and to Marsha, Chris, and Corey for hosting garden tours.
4. Wendy told us that there is a new enrollment procedure that we must complete online by February 1st. Information should be online.
5. Amanda's Baby Gift. Shirley suggested something for Amanda herself, such as a massage gift certificate, as she will get lots of things for the baby. Mary and Melody will take care of getting a massage gift certificate for her.
6. 2020 Spring Conference: Shirley discussed with the club that we could use another display table; some ideas were discussed. Marsha volunteered to help with the WGLR radio ad, if we are able to do one .

7. Veggies for our Plant Sale: Discussion was held whether or not we should offer vegetable plants for sale at our plant sale. Shirley had contacted the hydroponic garden man outside of Lancaster. If we started the plants, we could store them out there and he would take care of watering them for us. We decided to let the plant sale committee make the final decision.
8. Booth at Platteville Community Fair on January 25: We will have a booth again, and Karin and Melody will help with that.
9. 4-H Explorer Day in February: Mary and Jo will work with that.
10. Karin and Shirley told us about a leadership training online program that they participated in this last winter during the Polar Vortex. It ended up being many more hours spent online than they planned, but they learned from it. The main point they want us to learn is: "**Placemaking** is a multi-faceted approach to the planning, design and management of public spaces. **Placemaking** capitalizes on a local community's assets, inspiration, and potential, with the intention of creating public spaces that promote people's health, happiness, and well-being."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm; motion by Mary, seconded by Jo.

Connie Landon, Secretary

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