

November MGV Meeting – 11-15-2018

Snacks & refreshments were served at 6:30 pm, and the meeting was called to order by President Terry Wood at 7 pm.

A verbal roll call was taken by Connie Landon; 15 members were present. She also passed around a sheet with members' addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses for possible corrections. She read aloud the minutes from last month's meeting; motion made by Ken, seconded by Nancy M., and approved. Terry announced that we will be asking for volunteers for refreshments & snacks on a month-to-month basis at each meeting. Corey and Connie Larson will provide them for the February meeting. Terry stated that the secretary will keep track of the hours spent at each meeting.

The end-of-the-year treasurer's report was passed out by Connie Larson, explaining each entry, and our total bank balance was \$3358.58 before several checks were written out at the meeting. Chris C. moved to accept the treasurer's report, Ken seconded it.

Discussion was held regarding projects, projected costs, and other costs throughout the year. The question was brought up what would happen if someone applied for a grant and didn't use all the money that year. After discussion, Julie P. made the motion that if the money is not completely used, it can be carried over into the next year, Natasha seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Old Business: 1. Spring Conference Planning Committee: Connie Landon gave a report on the 11-1-18 planning meeting held, and Jean passed out copies of "Save the Date" form for all members. Corey expressed concerns about the acoustics at Vesperman Farms with a large group. Discussion was held, and Amanda C. gave input on the Extension's equipment. This matter will be looked at further before the actual conference date.

2. MGV Sign Progress: Corey is waiting to hear from Melody, and he has been in contact with the man who will be making the signs.

3. Bus Trip Update: Terry stated that 3 different possibilities were presented to Judy V. earlier. Judy was not present at tonight's meeting. An update will be given later.

New Business: 1. Election of Officers: President: Terry Wood (for 1 more year), President Elect – none, Vice-President – Wendy Johnson, Secretary – Connie Landon, Treasurer – Connie Larson. Ken moved to approve this slate of officers, and Julie seconded the motion.

2. Terry proposed that we set aside \$250 to be used to reimburse any officers and the WIGMA rep. to attend a conference of their choice as a way of saying thank you for serving as an officer or WIMGA representative. This will replace the annual voting for reimbursement to the WIGMA conference of up to \$250 total allotted from our treasury for any Grant County member partial reimbursement for the annual WIMGA conference registration. Corey moved to approve this, Ken seconded this, and it was approved.

3. Annual Awards: Terry presented award certificates to: Chris Carl for her work with the Lancaster Community Gardens, Myleen for all her computer design work that she does for our group throughout the year, Karin for her work with WIGMA, Corey for the different projects that he works on through Grant Regional Health Center, Margie Bennett for being a new member, and Chris Swan for her project working with FOOD WISE in Boscobel.

4. Impact of Projects on the Community: A review of all 21 current volunteer projects for our club was reviewed with Amanda Cauffman as the state requested that she obtain this information. Discussion was held on whether to keep the Grab-A-Cone project in Montfort on the list. Corey moved to keep the project, and Karin seconded the motion to keep it on our list. The Dubuque Arboretum will be dropped. The importance of the completion of the signage recognizing our club at the projects was mentioned during this discussion. It was also noted that volunteer hours need to match up with listed projects.

5. By-law Changes: Four changes in our by-laws were presented by Terry pertaining to WIGMA, the president's job duties, and quorums at our meetings. It was decided that the membership would vote by group e-mail (since our next meeting is in February) after December 15th of this year and that 2/3 of 29 members would constitute a change.

6. Terry proposed February 10, 2019, as a deadline for local grant money application. Discussion was held about that date being quite early in the year. It was stressed that a project form needs to be completed and turned in before a money request is granted for proposed projects.

7. Karin informed us that more display booths are needed for the spring conference in March. Shirley A. is the contact person.

The meeting ended at 9:00 pm.

Connie Landon, Secretary