

HIGHLIGHTS OF WCMGVA ANNUAL MEETING – JANUARY 13, 2016

Held at Horticulture Hall in Lake Geneva, WI

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Janet Yakes (President). There were 24 people present.

Linda Keck (Treasurer) not present. Report was handed out and read by Janet Yakes. A motion to accept the report as written was made by Sue Leedle. Seconded by Mary King. Motion passed unanimously.

Janet reported based on our latest statistics, there are 86 Dues Paying Members, and 74 Certified MG.

Open Board Positions:

- President: Janet Yakes agreed to stay on for next 3 yr. term
Sue Schaffer motioned to approve; Deanna Stirmel seconded – motion carried unanimously
- Vice President: Jean Curran agreed to stay on for next 3 yr. term
Sue Leedle motioned to approve; Lynn Wisniewski seconded – motion carried unanimously
- Secretary: Sharon Bird agreed to stay on for next 3 yr. term
Brenda Williams motioned to approve; Mary King seconded- motion carried unanimously
- Treasurer: Kathleen Karcher nominated for next 3 yr. term by Deanna Stirmel; Rob Hansen seconded – motion carried unanimously

Communications Chair: Evelyn Walnick has asked to step down due to schooling requirements. Betty Novy volunteered to assume the responsibility.

Programs Update: Sue Leedle gave the agenda for upcoming programs for 2016. She is open for suggestions for the December meeting as nothing has been planned to date.

Historian: Sara Nason reported she is always looking for pictures of members projects to be submitted to her.

WIMGA Rep: Deanna Stirmel gave her overall report. (WIMGA stands for Wisconsin Master Gardner Association) The \$5 dollar fee that is paid annually with your dues entitles you to the WIMGA newsletter. She is asking all members to let her know what are projects are so they may be included in this newsletter.

Garden Walk: Janet Yakes reported the date for our Walworth County walk has been changed to July 9, 2016. Eight (8) gardens are lined up.

Calendar Project: Brenda Williams gave an update on the total sales to date (\$685.00). This is a 16-month calendar and can still be purchased. Contact Brenda or Janet Yakes. Discussion ensued as to whether or not the group wanted to continue with a calendar for 2017 with a somewhat different format. Mary King motioned to approve; Sue Leedle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sign-up Sheets: Janet Yakes stated we would try this again. Anyone who heads up a project and is looking for help, is to post a sign-up sheet on the front table at our monthly MGCV meetings.

Open Discussion: Chrissy reported that the Plant Swap for 2016 is on hold per the DNR. This is due to the possibility of spreading the Asian Jumping Worm which has been discovered in Walworth County. Looking for new ideas to replace this event. A suggestion of having a fall bulb swap vs. plants was presented for further review.

Chrissy also reported that due to state budget cuts for UWExtension, some MGCV counties may be combined. This remains to be determined.

Farm Technology Update: Chrissy gave her update on this event planned for July 19 – 21, 2016 at the Snuuden Farm in Lake Geneva and hosted by Walworth County. Many volunteers will be needed and everyone is invited to help out. The WCMGV's have 3 different areas: Inside Display; Outside Display; and Youth Team. Any meetings which you attend for this shall be counted as Volunteer Support Hours.

A motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. was made by Sue Schaffer and seconded by Rob Hansen. Motion passed.

Sharon Bird
Secretary