**OZAUKEE MASTER GARDENERS**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2021**

Present: Sue Kinas, Jeanne Mueller, Heidi Janous, Diane Niksa, Jim Tonelli, Walt Schmitz, Bob Crevensten, Susan Blake, Laurie Yingling

1. Call to Order: 6:46 p.m. Meeting held via Zoom

2. Approval of October 11, 2021 Executive Board minutes. Jim Tonelli made a motion to defer approval of October minutes since they weren’t sent out. Diane Niksa seconded. Motion was passed.

**REPORTS**

1. **Treasurer’s Report**: Jim Tonelli made a motion to amend the November 8th agenda and add the financials to the agenda. Diane Niksa seconded. Motion was passed. Jim then reviewed the Treasurer’s report and requested any changes to the 2022 Budget should be sent to him before the next Executive Board meeting. A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report was made by Heidi Janous and Walt Schmitz seconded. Motion was approved.

2. **Operations:** Walt Schmitz reviewed the Operations Report and then asked when an email would be going out to membership regarding dues payment. Heidi Janous will be sending out an email to all members next week reminding members that dues are payable by January 31, 2022. Walt reported that we are close to choosing a destination for the 2022 Garden Crawl. Walt also said we will need a new leader for the Yard & Garden Line.

3. **Projects**: Laurie Yingling reviewed the Projects report. She also announced that the WCCG will be celebrating their 15th anniversary next year.

4. **Extension Agent:** Stephanie Plaster recommended watching the Q&A video that was emailed to all members from UWMadison regarding recent changes. There are 14 people enrolled in the FIH course and that the FIH lab sign-ups were lagging behind.

 Stephanie also let the Board know that the Extension office can be used by arranging for badging for any after-hours meetings. There is also a special rate of $50 for the use of the Ozaukee County Pavilion.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **OMG Website**: Nothing new to report

2. **2022 Budget**: Jim Tonelli requested that any changes to the budget be submitted to him by the next Board meeting.

3. **By-Laws Update**: The team has finished proposed revisions to the by-laws and the appendixes. When the Board does get the final proposal, Jim Tonelli asked all officers to review their roles for any changes.

4. **Equipment Inventory**: Jim Tonelli and Bob Crevensten have finished the clean-up and reported that things look pretty up-to-date. Jim will send out a detailed write-up of what is in the closet. The Plant Sale closet will be inventoried next.

**OLD BUSINESS (CONT’D)**

5. **Annual Meeting**: Heidi Janous led the discussion on how to proceed with the Annual Meeting next January. After much discussion, it was decided that a hybrid meeting will take place at the Ozaukee Pavilion giving members the opportunity to meet in-person or to view the meeting via Zoom. A shared meal of possibly chili and ice cream would be provided. The Board also decided that in-person attendance would require proof of vaccine or a recent negative Covid test at the door. Heidi will provide more details as it unfolds.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Vision of 2022 Membership**: Some discussion was had about who would qualify as a future member since UWMadison is still in flux about the details. Diane Niksa made a motion that members should pay their 2022 membership dues by January 31, 2022. Bob Crevensten seconded. Motion was passed.

2. **Fundraisin**g: Diane Niksa led a discussion on future fundraising possibilities: a symposium, merchandise, etc. It was decided we should form a Fundraising Committee and ask for volunteers at the next General Membership meeting.

3. **2022 Plant Sale**: Bob Crevensten expressed interest in being the Project Leader. However, before committing, he needs to talk to Mary Hotchkiss and recruit volunteers for key positions.

4. **AdHoc Discussion**: It was decided that the timing for Executive Board meeting submissions must be received by the President-Elect by 8 a.m. Friday before the meeting.

A motion was made by Diane Niksa to adjourn the meeting and Jim Tonelli seconded. The

meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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