**OZAUKEE MASTER GARDENERS**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**OCTOBER 11, 2021**

Present: Sue Kinas, Jeanne Mueller, Heidi Janous, Jim Tonelli, Kathy Tonelli, Walt Schmitz, Bob Crevensten, Laurie Yingling, Stephanie Plaster

1. Call to Order: 6:48 p.m. Meeting held via Zoom

2. Approval of September 13, 2021 Executive Board minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Tonelli and Heidi Janous seconded. Motion was passed.

**REPORTS**

1. **Treasurer’s Report:** Jim Tonelli went over the September expenses. A motion to approve the report was made by Sue Kinas and Bob Crevensten seconded. Motion was passed.

2. **Operations:** Walt Schmitz reviewed the submitted Operations Report.

3. **Projects:** Laurie Yingling reviewed the submitted projects. She informed the Board that a Project Leader has volunteered to head the Portal project. Colleen Lohr will be developing plans for this Fall and next Spring. Jeanne Mueller will be doing a video of this project. We are still looking for a Project Leader for Hales Trail and the 2022 Plant Sale.

4. **Extension Agent:** Stephanie Plaster reviewed the email that had just come out from UWMadison-Extension regarding Ozaukee Master Gardeners. The Board had many questions about liability insurance, do we need to have each project let us know if they require criminal background checks for volunteers, etc. Stephanie said the UWMadison-Extension logo needs to be removed from all OMG materials. Members need to re-enroll each year in order to remain active. As of now, we can continue to use the Administration building to store our materials. Stephanie also said there is one person taking Foundations in Horticulture who is interested in joining OMG.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **OMG Website**: Laurie Yingling is still looking for Fall pictures. She has added the video of the September speaker to the website.

2. **2022 Speaker Series**: Walt Schmitz has passed the name of someone who has expressed interest in leading this committee to Sue Kinas. The Board members also discussed whether or not speakers should still be presenting through Zoom. It was agreed that it would be a good idea, even if the meeting is a hybrid of in-person and Zoom.

3. **By-Laws Update**: Jim and Kathy Tonelli, Heidi Janous, Jeanne Mueller and Diane Niksa have met and revised about half of the existing by-laws. They will be meeting again soon.

4. **OMG Inventory**: Jim Tonelli and Bob Crevensten will meet some time soon to go through the inventory at the Administration Building.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Budget and Goals 2022**: Jim Tonelli went over a proposed 2022 budget. It was decided that Sue Kinas would talk to Mary Kliss to see if Washington County is ready to go out on their own. Walt Schmitz will look into making some charitable donations throughout 2022. Laurie Yingling will get back to Jim once she gets 2022 budgets from each Project Leader.

2. **Year-End Annual Meeting**: The Board members discussed whether this should be done by Zoom at the last General Membership meeting this year. Since there aren’t any graduates, there isn’t anything to celebrate. It was decided to go this way.

A motion was made by Laurie Yingling to adjourn the meeting and Sue Kinas seconded. The

meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

10/12/2021