

Mille Lacs Master Gardener minutes from April 29, 2015 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Princeton

Those present: Sandy Bronson, Shirley Miller, Barbara Shaw, Nancy Winkelman, Laura Pipenhagen, Diane Hamann. Sandy calls the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. Laura volunteers to take the minutes. Nancy moves and Barbara seconds to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Treasurer's report: Diane reports \$467.18 in the check book.

Old business:

*SWCD Tree Distribution-Lynn said she had enough volunteers for the distribution. Laura wonders if Lynn could not use more help from us when the trees arrive. It is a big job!

*Princeton South Elementary Project- Project is going well. Monday 5/4 is transplant day and Diane needs one more volunteer. This will be the last year for the project. Next spring they will dig up the plants before South moves out of the building.

*Give Me 5 program-Lynn could not update us as she is busy with the SWCD tree distribution.

*Shirley talked about the Straw Bale Gardening talk at the library. It was well attended. Laura talked about the Growing Great Speakers talk she attended. It was well attended and a great learning opportunity. We talked about the different gardening expos we attended. Maybe next year we should attend one as a group and carpool.

New business:

* New website-Barbara has done a great job on the new website. She will set up a program that will email us if something new is added. Please send her any interesting gardening websites that should be added to the links.

*County Fair theme-Enough people should be around to help. We did like the location and "free" wristbands. Suggested theme is weed identification. Sandy will check if we have any material at the courthouse for the boards. Diane suggested that we find invasive weed handouts from the county.

* University of Minnesota moving to google groups. Tana Haugen Brown will help us move to a google group. We do not know what a google group is and why we would want to leave our current listserve that is working fine for us now. Sandy will talk to Tana to find out more information.

* The PICKM meeting will be on October 29th in Pine County.

* Diane said to watch soon for State Fair master gardener booth sign up soon on the MAGSTAR emails. This is a great opportunity for volunteer hours and is a fun way to spend 4 hours.

*Laura wanted to know why Mille Lacs County has two different listings when you enter your volunteer hours. Sandy will look into this.

* Sherburne County has a garden tour on July 16th.

*There is a State Master Gardener Conference in June. It is at the Arboretum in Chanhassen. Sandy thought we could maybe carpool there.

Next meeting in July-TBD. Diane moves to adjourn the meeting at 5:00PM. Nancy seconds.

*Shirley shows us where there are hostas and daylilies at the church free for the digging. While walking there Diane tells us about the Rum River Garden Club and Midwest garden clubs hosting a gardening event on Tuesday June 16 in Wahkon with a silent auction, flower show and plant sale. Heather Holm will talk about "What's the Buzz" Talk to Diane if interested. Here is a link to the event.

<https://www.northerngardener.org/component/eventlist/details/1466-rum-river-and-midway-garden-clubs-what-s-the-buzz>