

Mille Lacs County Master Gardener Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2017 - Mille Lacs County Courthouse, Milaca

Type of meeting: General Meeting - 4:45-6:15 p.m.

Meeting called to order: Sandy Bronson

Secretary: Nancy Winkelman

Attendees: Sandy Bronson, Nancy Winkelman, Lynell Barthel, Shirley Miller, Barbara Shaw, Lynn Gallice and Bonnie Zurek.

Approval of last meeting minutes: Lynell motioned to approve minutes and Shirley seconded the motion.

Treasurer's report: Reported by Shirley Miller - Balance is \$889.48.

OLD BUSINESS

1. PICKM Meeting: Diane & Lynell attended. The speaker was from the U of M. Lynell reported what other counties are doing.
2. NE Regional Gathering, Oct. 20, Cloquet: Laura, Diane and Sandy attended. Sandy reported that it was a good meeting and that we are in the NE Region.
3. Courthouse Organization: Diane and Sandy have organized our spot in the Courthouse and bought bins.
4. Display Case: A replacement has not yet been found but Sandy is going to keep on looking.

NEW BUSINESS

1. State Office Report: We went over the state office report with the following noted: Our expenses for 2016 were \$138.59 and our income was \$611.50. We also had 622.83 volunteer hours for our group in 2016.
2. Hort Days: Information on our website - we should let each other know if we are interested in carpooling to any of the events.
3. New Intern: We have 1 new intern this year - Amisa Pollard.
4. 2017 Goals of Mille Lacs County Master Gardener Program:
 1. Teach classes at Library: NE Regional power point presentations already have been prepared for us to use. We decided to possibly combine this with our meetings. Sandy is going to talk to Friends of the Library to find out what they would be interested in doing with us. We decided on trying a Water Wisely or Plant Natives class. Also maybe having EAB speaker Jen Schultz at a later date in Milaca. Another potential speaker is Bre Bauerly from Minnesota Native Landscapes.
 2. Plant Sale: We will have Diane check and see if the garden club she belongs to wants to do something with us. We don't feel we have enough plants on our own to have a sale.

3. Seed Trials: Some of us may participate but it depends on what they offer this year since last year did not go so well.
4. Articles for Newspapers: Lynell may be interested.
5. Tree Distribution with SWCD: Will be held one afternoon again on a Thursday and Lynn will let us know if she needs help.
6. Connect with Area Clubs: Laura and Sandy are planning on teaching 2 classes this year and will let us know if they need help.
5. Core Course on now: Good way for us to receive education credits.
6. County Fair: We decided on displaying Native Plants this year.
7. Other: Pay out scholarships to interns from last year at next meeting.
8. Watch e-mails for upcoming events!

MEETING ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING: April - will decide after Sandy talks to Friends of the Library and possibly add having a class / speaker afterwards.