

**Mille Lacs Master Gardener
November 28, 2018 at Mille Lacs County Courthouse, Milaca**

Call to order: 4:35pm. Members present; Lynn Gallice, Joan Boulavant, Barb Shaw, Diane Hamann, Sandy Bronson, Linda Johnson

Volunteer to take minutes; Lynn Gallice

Addition to agenda: Community Garden

Approve September 19, 2018 minutes: Barb/Joan approved

Treasurer's report: Diane, \$818.35 currently in account. No new transactions since last report.

Old Business

Central Regional Andover Gathering on September 12, Vegetables for everyone. Sandy, Laura, Shirley and Diane attending: It was a good gathering. Topics included food safety and slide shows that are available to use as presentations at future meetings.

PICKM Meeting, October 23rd. Diane, Joan, Lynn, Laura, Barb, Sandy, Linda attending. It was a very successful event. The speaker, Sam Bauer on Pollinators in Lawns was very interesting. Mille Lacs will host this event in 2019.

Webinars: Sandy watched a webinar on how to do part II of the annual report.

New Business

Intern Update: Linda is registered for the up-coming core class and will probably do it on-line.

PICKM Meeting 2019: Mille Lacs will be hosting the PICKM meeting in 2019. We will contact Shirley and ask her to arrange to have the 2019 PICKM at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Princeton. We will tentatively plan to hold the event on October 22, 2019. We will need to confirm the venue and date as soon as possible. Once confirmed, our next steps will be to contact the state so they can send someone from the advisory Board to the 2019 PICKM event. Save the dates should go out once we have everything confirmed. We discussed having Minnesota Native Landscapes or Prairie Restorations speak on native vegetation. Jake Janski works at MNL and is also the Board Chair of the Mille Lacs SWCD. We may engage him to speak about native plants and the roll of SWCDs in local conservation efforts. We will also need to decide on details like what each county should bring for pot luck and door prizes and centerpieces. Some possible door prizes are seeds from MNL and native plants in centerpieces. Should we assign seating to encourage networking? Should we play human bingo?

Report Hours: Sandy reminded us to report our 2018 hours. There is a new website for reporting so don't wait until the last minute to learn to use it. Sandy provided the group with the new website for logging hours and a handout on how to use it. The new website is <https://sites.google.com/umn.edu/mgweb/home> Sandy will sent out a 2019 contact list as

soon as she can.

Community Garden: Joan is working on a grant for the Community Garden in Princeton. She will need to meet with the Princeton Community Garden Club to determine exactly what kind of assistance they need from a grant. The county has a new Economic Development Manager, Mike Wimmer. It is hoped that he may be able to assist Joan with writing the grant. Lynn will ask him and report back to the group. The Princeton Depot has requested that we assist them with installing a community perennial herb garden at the Depot. Joan will research plant suggestions. We could make it a display garden with good signage. In January we should discuss plans for the 2019 Community Garden projects. Should we buy our own plants to use as a display project?

Update: Lynn spoke with Mike Wimmer about assisting with grant writing. He will need to check with the County Administrator. He will get back to us after the new year with information. In the meantime, he suggests checking to see if there is an Extension resource that could help us.

Adjourn Meeting: Diane/Barb to adjourn at 5:35m

Next Meeting: Next meeting in January to discuss annual report.