

WIMGA Board Meeting – April 7, 2022

President Marilyn G called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Roll call:

Present: Becky G, Byron H, Dawn H, Diane K, Diane T, Hali D, Jackie S, Janet M, Marilyn G, Nancy J, Robynn P, Roseann M, Vicky H

Absent: Laurie M

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Roseann M to approve the minutes, Diane T seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report is accepted as submitted, subject to audit.

Membership is currently at 2,100; just received Racine-Kenosha. 2021 membership was 2,798.

Program Office Update/Feedback from MGs

There hasn't been much interaction with Jay over the past month, probably because of working on the ORS. He did send an email to Marilyn to set up another meeting. Jay is interested in hearing the insurance presentation; which will be added to the website and sent out to the board. Jay was also interested if we could host additional web pages for associations within WIX. We have researched this and need to test this option further.

Feedback from the insurance webinar has been very positive, language was easy to understand and follow.

Continuing Education Committee Update

Lee Riech is scheduled for April 23, with Vicky H and Leigh Ann being the hosts.

There is pre-registration to help determine the number of people attending.

There are more programs being scheduled: July 25 – from Minnesota, succession planting for fall; September 12 with a local horticulturist about under utilized bulbs; and one other topic is being worked on.

Becky G made a motion to purchase a \$50 gift card to a restaurant and thank you note for Ron and a \$50 gift card to Amazon and thank you note for Dr. Goldman. Vicky H seconded the motion. Approved.

Bylaws/SOP/Strategic Planning

The executive committee will be reviewing the bylaws and SOP.

Strategic planning is looking at a source outside extension to help us with this.

Center for Rural Development and Minnesota Council of Nonprofits are two that have been brought up.

New Business

A virtual face-to-face meeting for the spring is an option, possibly on a weeknight, sometime in May. It usually is combined with the monthly board meeting.

The idea was presented to create a survey or Google doc to know when associations have their meetings.

Wednesday, May 11 has been suggested. Perhaps June 2 to replace our board meeting.

Janet M made a motion to have the spring face-to-face meeting on Thursday, June 2 at 6:30 pm.

Ideas for topics: how to host a website on our WIX; Janet M will follow up with another association member to present information about their website; update from Jay; social media; logos for local association to replace state master gardener ones;

Diane T, Becky G, Marilyn G, Janet M, Robynn P, Hali D will work on the face-to-face meeting. They will meet April 13 at 10 am, using Zoom.

Byron H will be looking at what type of insurance WIMGA may need.

Adjournment

Robynn P made a motion to adjourn, second by Jackie S. Approved.

Adjourned at 5:36 pm.