**OZAUKEE MASTER GARDENERS**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**APRIL 12, 2021**

Present: Sue Kinas, Jeanne Mueller, Heidi Janous, Diane Niksa, Jim Tonelli, Kathy Tonelli, Walt Schmitz, Laurie Yingling, Susan Blake, Stephanie Plaster

1. Call to Order: 6:46 p.m. Meeting held via Zoom

2. Approval of March 8, 2021 Executive Board Minutes: UW Extension Agent requested to amend the minutes to correct the name of the tax form to 501c3 and to remove last sentence under Extension Agent section. A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Laurie Yingling and Jim Tonelli seconded. Motion was passed.

**REPORTS**

a. Treasurer’s Report – Jim Tonelli reported he has added a new category, “Contingency Usage”, and the first item was the expense for Zoom. A motion to approve the report was made by Heidi Janous and seconded by Walt Schmitz. Motion was passed.

b. Operations – Walt Schmitz reported the publicity for the April OMG speaker has gone out.

c. Projects – Jeanne Mueller has sent out the first of the emails for the Plant Sale asking for volunteers. Gordon Kessler has made arrangements to use Shopify for the Plant Sale. Laurie Yingling read a note from Mary Hotchkiss regarding the difficulty of setting up the Plant Sale, but she is confident everything will go as planned.

d. Extension Agent – Stephanie Plaster reported the OMG Directory is now complete. Claudia will send it to Laurie Yingling who can share it with the Executive Board via a pdf.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. OMG Website – Laurie Yingling requested members send her some promising pictures of spring for the website.

2. 2021 Project Goals – Will be discussed at a later meeting.

3. 2021 Plant Sale – All coordinator positions have been filled.

4. Zoom – It is now being used by various groups. OMG Speakers will transition to our Zoom platform in May.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Liability Insurance – OMG has recently found out we are significantly under-insured. Sue Kinas has been getting bids from companies with and without coverage for Executive Board and Directors. We are presently insured with Rural but have received a lower bid from Erie. A motion to approve accepting Erie’s coverage without Executive Board coverage was made by Jim Tonelli and seconded by Walt Schmitz. Motion was approved.

2. PW 1860 Lightstation garden – We now have a Project Leader, Jackie Oleson, for this project and the garden has been allocated $250 for the year. A motion to approve this project was made by Laurie Yingling and seconded by Heidi Janous. Motion was passed.

3. Summer Garden Crawl – At this time, no one has stepped forward to offer their garden for this event.

4. Destination Saukville – They have asked to partner with us and to provide a greenhouse. Since the Village of Saukville has not approved any plans yet, no action was taken at this time.

5. Pioneer Village – Sue Kinas has spoken to some of the new Board members at the Village and told them they would need to recruit some volunteers. One of the OMG members who had considered participating in this project, has bowed out.

6. Portal Industries – Portal is looking for input from OMG regarding landscaping their outside space. We would not be involved in the actual labor of the garden but would assist with educating Portal clients about landscaping.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathy Tonelli and seconded by Jim Tonelli.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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