**OZAUKEE MASTER GARDENERS**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**MAY 10, 2021**

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

1. Call to Order: 6:49 p.m. Meeting held via Zoom

2. Approval of April 12, 2021 Executive Board Minutes: A motion to approve was made by Diane Niksa and Walt Schmitz seconded. Motion was passed.

**REPORTS**

a. **Treasurer’s Report**: Jim Tonelli reviewed disbursements and deposits for the month. A motion to approve was made by Diane Niksa and Heidi Janous seconded. Motion was passed.

b. **Operations**: Walt Schmitz reported that we now have a volunteer for the Garden Line. He is working on obtaining members who would be interested in joining a Speaker’s Series for local libraries and clubs. Todd Halverson would be willing to help out anyone who is interested in this project.

 Since we haven’t been able to find a leader for the Education Committee, it was suggested we may want to re-envision the Committee to make it more attractive to interested people.

c. **Projects**: Laurie Yingling was not present but Sue Kinas reported the OMG website was still being worked on, along with Project Leader information for their gardens.

d. **Extension Agent**: Stephanie Plaster reported UW-Extension has approved fairs this summer and she will let us know if members can get volunteer hours while working a fair.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **OMG Website**: It is still a work in progress.

2. **Pioneer Village**: Sue Kinas has requested a meeting with Pioneer Village to let them know we don’t have a Project Leader at this time and to discuss the future of the project. As of this date, a meeting has not been set up.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **2021 Scholarship**: Sue Kinas reported that as of this time, we only have received one application for a scholarship. She had sent an email to guidance counselors in the area but has not received anything from them. It was suggested we may want to send an email to the general membership reminding them that this scholarship is available.

2. **Portal Inc**.: Sue Kinas discussed a potential project with Portal Inc. to assist them with a landscape project for which they have received grants. Anne Marie Finley has volunteered to head up this project and has a few other members who would assist her. Sue will send out the information to Board members so they can either approve or deny this project.

3. **2021 Signage**: Project gardeners should check to see if their signage has the UW-Extension logo. If so, these signs will have to be replaced with no logo. Heidi Janous will check to see if we have any extra signs that would qualify.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

1. Sue Kinas has proposed the Board think about a different way to wrap up the 2021 season. Instead of having a pot luck dinner in the Spring, maybe we could hold a “Harvest Fling” or something comparable in late October-November. Board members should start thinking “outside of the box” and report any good ideas at our next meeting.

2. Sue Kinas reported that Erin Schanen will not be able to run the 2022 OMG Speaker’s Series. She is undertaking a large project and will not have the time next year. It was also suggested we may want to poll our members to see if they have a preference for in-house or Zoom speakers. We may want to consider a hybrid way of presenting these talks.

3. There will not be a general membership meeting in May because of the Plant Sale. There will not be an Executive Board meeting in June, but there will be a general membership meeting that month. There will be no meetings in July, and in August, we’ll be back to our regular schedule.

A motion was passed to adjourn the meeting and Diane Niksa seconded. Motion was passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

5/11/21