**OZAUKEE MASTER GARDENERS**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

**Present**: Heidi Janous, Sue Kinas, Erin Schanen, Laurie Yingling, Jim Tonelli, Kathy Tonelli, Diane Niksa, Walt Schmitz, Lou Hefle, Susan Blake, Stephanie Plaster

1. Call to order: 6:56 p.m. Meeting was held via Zoom.

2. Approval of Executive Board minutes for September and October -Diane Niksa offered the motion and Jim Tonelli seconded

3. **Reports**

1. Financials --Jim reported we have received 38 payment of dues as of this date. Three were Unknowns and 13 payments had been made with PayPal. We also received a refund check from the IRS which included interest.
2. Projects--Laurie reported things are the same as October and the 4H Project is still looking for one adult coach.
3. Operations--Walt reported the Education Committee is still in need of a chairman. This brought up the discussion of whether we should table this request until some time in 2021. Walt reminded us that education hours need to be logged in by Dec. 31, 2020. Diane also said she would talk to the contact at Ozaukee Pavilion to inform them we will not be holding in-person meetings in January and February.
4. Extension Agent--Stephanie reported she will be ordering badges for the interns who will be inducted into OMG in January 2021.

4. **Old Business**

Jim went thru changes made to the 2021 budget and highlighted the $6,000 advertising fee and it was agreed to by the Board. Heidi asked if they could add $200 to the Port Triangle Garden for 2021 to purchase native plants. It was agreed to by the Board. Jim reported that if things stay status quo, we will have a $20,000 loss for next year. There was some discussion as to how long our cash reserve will last.

Laurie reported that all 4 Board positions for 2021 have been filled. President-Elect will be Jeanne Mueller, Secretary – Kathy Tonelli, 3 Year Member at Large-Bob Crevenston, and 2 Year Member at Large-Susan Blake. Also, Pioneer Village is still in need of a Chairperson. All other current projects are status quo.

Stephanie reported project guidance from Madison is not yet available.

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**NEW PROJECTS**

**Hales Trails Community Gardens** – They are looking for a project leader to work with the city lead to assist in planting and harvesting vegetables. $250 is in the current budget and we are waiting on more information from the city.

**Neighborhood Habitat Improvement Plan** – There is a group in Port Washington who would like OMG to participate in their project to facilitate migration process for migratory birds in the area. They see us as serving a role as public educators.

**Lighthouse Museum in Port** – OMG member Jackie Oleson works at the Museum and is interested in getting assistance from the group in designing a garden bed on the side of the Museum.

**Destination Saukville** – A local developer is interested in getting OMG assistance in developing gardens once the building is completed. We would then educate people with special needs, thru Mel’s Charities, on planting and harvesting the gardens.

**Grafton CN Railroad** – OMG were approached by Jessica Wolff, Director of Planning & Development for Grafton, to assist in designing, planting, and educating village personnel for a beautification project. This would include areas along the CN Railroad in downtown Grafton.

**Grafton River Walk** – same as above

The group decided to wait until the next meeting before making any decisions on these projects.

**Memorial for Kathleen Awe** – Heidi has spoken to Jim Awe to get a sense of what kind of memorial he’d like for Kathleen. Walt moved that the Board approve $1200 to be spent on a memorial bench in Cedarburg along the Riverwalk. Second from Diane and motion passed.

5. **New Business**

The Best Dirt is in need of a new editor to replace Roseann. Heidi will speak to Roseann to figure out the best way to get this position out to the general membership.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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