**MINUTES OF WCMGVA ANNUAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 8, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. in conjunction with the WCMGVA

Monthly February meeting at Horticulture Hall in Lake Geneva, WI. The annual meeting which normally occurs in January, was cancelled due to inclement weather.

**Secretary’s Report**

Sharon Bird gave a brief summary of the Board’s Meetings (1) held in 2016.

Sandy Schwartz motioned to accept the minutes as written. Kim Frank seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Report**

As the Treasurer was absent, copies of the report were handed out by President, Janet Yakes, and it was reviewed by everyone in attendance. Rob Hansen motioned to accept the report as written. Shari Mathews seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**WIMGA REP**

No report was given as Deanna Stirmel was absent.

**Open Positions**

Janet Yakes agreed to stay on as President of the Board to finish out her term (2 years) as her circumstances have changed.

Mike Schwaabe volunteered to assist with the Programs as Kim Frank is stepping down.

**Extension News**

Chrissy Wen absent. There was not much to report yet as the UW Budget was just coming in to date. She will update us when it is confirmed.

Discussion of new projects for 2017 – still unable to have the Plant Swap due to the infestation of jumping worms in the surrounding counties. Not willing to take the chance of spreading it further. No other big projects are scheduled at this time.

Copies of the WCMGV class schedule were handed out. They begin on Tuesday, February 21, at UWExtension in Elkhorn from 2 – 5 p.m.

**Open Discussion**

President Yakes stated there is a significant amount of money currently in our treasury besides the allotted scholarship funds that could be used to give back to the community in some form.

Mike Schwaabe stated there also was grant money from UW available for “educational purposes”. The final date to apply is May 1, 2017.

A motion was made by Barb Gudowicz to donate $500.00 as a grant for WCMGVA projects for beautification. Rob Hansen seconded. Discussion ensued. By a show of hands, a vote was taken with 10 in favor/8 opposed to this grant. Motion passed. A need to form a committee to define the rules for this grant was addressed by President Yakes. Barb Gudowicz, Sara Nason and Sandy Schwartz volunteered to head this up.

Kim Frank suggested buying our own projector alieving the need to always borrow one from the extension office for our monthly meetings. Pat Anti motioned to purchase a projector. Kim Frank seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Janet Yakes volunteered to head this up.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:15 P.M. by Sandy Schwartz. Rob Hansen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Bird

Secretary

A short presentation film on why bees are disappearing by Marla Spivak followed.