

Big River Big Woods Board Meeting Minutes
Nov. 6, 2017

Attendance: Eva, Liz, Joe, Carol Leanne, Erica Guests: John and Mary Holmberg, Eric Vehe

- a) Secretary minutes approved as amended
- b) Tres. Report approved as reported. Total balance: \$3,078.68. To be paid: Plant tags \$142, Como Park \$150 – that is still waiting approval by city.
- c) Membership – 62. Response to email reminder to renew still going well.
- d) November meeting- Carol and Joe will bring cider. If there are no further nominees we can vote a consensus ballot and no ballots required. Beth Markhart from Prairie Restoration will be our speaker. We will promote the January seed sowing meeting and remind folks to bring containers for planting.
- e) We had 8 questionnaires returned at October meeting. We will continue to have them available at future meetings.
- f) Jan 25 meeting will be seed sowing. Carol will organize with help from Erica and John Kramer. Carol will contact John. Need to promote bringing containers. Selections from Urban and Suburban Meadows DVD will be used as the program topic/speaker.
- g) Autumn Grove Park will be going to a 90 day reservation beginning in January.
- h) Design with Nature Conference – BRBW group will be running the book sales and will be assisted by Marilyn and Holly from TCWO's on how to order, sell etc.
- i) Future meetings: March John Moriarity. April Ann Sawyer from U of M will speak about soil. The topic of birds in the garden has been suggested for a future meeting.
- j) Next year's tours: August – Joe and Carol Crowe's newly renovated yard and contacting a member from the St. Croix Oak Savanna group who lives near the

Crowe's. Maybe this could be a combined tour with both groups. Suggestions of Cedar Creek and the Spring Peeper Meadow are suggestions for other tours.

k) Heather Holm donated a copy of each of her books to our group and we will give them away at the November meeting.

Submitted by,
Carol Crowe
BRBW secretary