

# Yamhill County Master Gardeners Association

Executive Board Minutes for June 08, 16.1

Meeting was called to order by Pat Fritz at 10:02 a.m. on above date.

In attendance: (Bold = Board)

<i>Carol Parks</i>	<i>Tom Canales</i>	<i>Stephanie Janik</i>	<b>Pat Fritz</b>	<b>Apryl Garmon</b>
<i>Linda Coakley</i>	<b>Anna Ashby</b>	<b>Donn Callaham</b>	<i>Gail Price</i>	<i>Diane Lockwood</i>
<i>Rita Canales</i>	<i>Gene Nesbitt</i>	<i>Heather Stoven</i>	<i>Jade Wilson</i>	<i>Sue Nesbitt</i>
<i>Tonia Biebe</i>	<i>Alan Wenner</i>	<i>Nancy Woodworth</i>	<i>Mary Murphy</i>	

**First Item** was approval of secretary's minutes from last month. Tom made the motion for approval, and Rita seconded it. Thus it was done.

**Introduction of scholarship recipients:** Sue Nesbitt introduced 3 women receiving scholarships from YCMGA. They will be entering college as an ag. Major; a major in viticulture; and a major in environmental studies. See *Grapevine* for photos and details. The women told a little about themselves, and thanked the Master Gardeners for the scholarships.

**Treasurer's report:** Carol park reported the new computer for the use of the treasurer and the new Quickbook software have both been purchased. True to the spirit of software, hours were spent trying to gain access to the software, as Anna's name was the only name authorized on the license. There are still issues to resolve re: the program, but it is at least working. May's profit and loss statement and the balance sheet for April have been produced, printed, given to the secretary, and handed out at the meeting. Total spent for these items was \$809.00.

**President-elect's Plea:** The president-elect is passionate in her desire to have a president-elect for the remainder of this year, now that she is President. The President-elect is needed to work on the education committee, as two of the key members of that committee can no longer be on it. Two members are considering doing the job jointly, but will not be named until they have decided. (They are reviewing the job description online, and deciding how much of their lives to offer).

**OSU staff report:** Heather reiterated that more old YCMGA members are needed at the office help desk. (Trainees really need to have a certified member present as a guide). She also reminded everyone to bring back intake forms filled out at clinics stat, rather than lose them for a week or so. People are now to send their email requests to Jade rather than Kelli. And, because she got married, Jade changed her name to Wilson, though she will still answer to her original name for a while.

**The President's mail:** During the month Pat received a letter from the "Western Invasive Network" stating that a certain type of impatiens was purchased at our plant sale that might become invasive. It is unknown if it was purchased from a vendor, and the plant is not on a watch list. Many questioned how we would know if a plant might be placed on the invasive list some time in the future, if at all. Someone will ask Patti what she uses as a guide as to invasiveness (not just plant aggression). Pat also mentioned that Randy's name has to be removed from the checking account, but we need Randy present to do that.

**Demonstration Garden:** Mary Murphy reported that it is coming along very well. There are problems with the water pressure in the drip system, requiring replacement of a bank of valves. Fortunately the garden people know a person who used to own an irrigation installation company, who is helping them solve the problems. Doris and Sue would like to have one person to help them, and they will need one more work party to finish the garden. Next year more plants will be installed, and mulch added.

**Plant Sale:** Signage for the next plant sale is being worked on now.

**Education/Outreach:** Pat reported on this one, as the other representatives were not present. The demo. Garden event scheduled on July 16 has a conflict regarding the speaker, so we need to check updates on this. Perhaps there should be a backup person if the original speaker cannot attend. The booth for "Dayton Friday Nights" needs one more helper. Ruth is no longer available to work on

the education committee, due to her new job. We will have only one more social meeting this spring, and then no more until fall. Gene suggested we need to intensify marketing of educational events, since that should be our primary focus. We need to decide when there should be a “maximum allowed” number of attendees, who has priority, and whether or not it should be “First come, first in.” We will watch how this goes this year, and decide on policy next year. We also should have a “Friends of Master Gardeners” list of people who want to attend events, but are not interested in becoming Master Gardeners. They would be on an email list (from which they could unsubscribe if they tired of us).

**Community Garden:** Because Linda was not present to report the Garden was almost passed by, until Alan Wenner reminded us that he was present. He reported that Linda is working now with Duniway Middle School students; leftover plants have been given to various nonprofits; 8 raised beds are reserved for YCAP; there is much less work now due to the irrigation system; and everything is in good shape except for Tom and Rita’s raised bed. Open enrollment is now happening for the children’s garden, and the McMinnville Garden Club tour will be on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**McMinnville Farmers Market** is in progress now. Electronic signup is working very well, but the chairs for MGs to sit in have got to be replaced. People manning the booth need to bring their own chairs unless they want to stand for their entire shift. Using electronic signup for all events is planned, but Tom stressed that for an opening or event to be on the list, someone has to tell Tom about it! (Ditto for the Grapevine: no communication equals no listing). Regarding clinics, participants are strongly reminded to turn in all forms after the event, dropping them in the Extension office keybox.

**Awards:** Donn stated that 2 members have been picked for the awards and the process has begun. There is a third member of the committee, but Donn doesn’t remember who it is.

**OMGA representatives:** Apryl reported that questions regarding the budget had gone to the president, and that the three budget choices were discussed at the end of the day. Sadly, Master Gardener chapters from only 9 Oregon counties participated in the input, and only 4 of those with any detail. The OMGA board chose option #3 (as did we), and details and proposals will be detailed at the July YCMGA board meeting. Changes to mini-college will be: lunch will be a buffet this year, and there will be Starbucks present. The banquet will be open to friends and family. Online courses were discussed. They are, ostensibly, open to everyone (not just Master Gardener Hopefuls). However, people who want to take the online-only courses are interviewed, and either accepted or rejected by a committee. The International Master Gardeners convention will be in Portland, OR. In 2017, held from July 10<sup>th</sup> to July 14<sup>th</sup>. To give an idea of the size of the event, between 30 and 40 registrars will be needed just to check in the attendees. Chairpeople will also be needed, and Apryl recommended that our chapter enter the display contest, the theme of which is “Bicycles and Roses” and should consist of an imaginative and original display of the two together. (Apryl handed out a page of suggestions). Members agreed that we would enter the contest (and would have to procure some kind of old bike). Plant sale liability was discussed again, and this time the OMGA board promised that a solution would be provided, probably by January. A copy of the full notes of the OMGA meeting is available (on request) in the secretary’s notebook.

**Photography:** Nancy has been attending as many functions as possible. Some of the photos are used in the Grapevine, and all of them are posted on the website as soon as she takes them. It’s going well, but there is one problem: people disappear as soon as they see Nancy with her camera. There are some people whose faces she has never been able to see through a lens. She is determined, however, to creep around long enough to eventually catch everyone.

**Publicity:** Tom has now taken over for Alan, who is pouring his energy into the Community Garden. Tom has put listings for 2 events in the News-Register. Listings are permitted once per month: buying ads is somewhat expensive. Michael is very eager to make a Twitter account for YCMGA, so Rita set one up with his help. The idea is to reach people *younger* (than us) who are hip and love plants.

**Radio:** Since Ray is on vacation Sharon Dietrichson and Kyle will do the Saturday broadcasts.

**Scholarships:** All the 7 scholarships have been awarded. Sue mentioned that the applications were all heartening and fun to read.

**Spring into Gardening 2017:** Gene is organizing now, working on signing up sponsors and increasing promotional efforts. Speakers need to be identified and locked in by January first, so that publicity may begin. September is the time to begin seeking speakers: 2 people are needed to round them up. A co-chair is desired, and a meeting will be held June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Seeds to Supper:** Willamina is likely to begin the program this fall (as yet not confirmed) and McMinnville Head Start would like to also. Linfield is also considering the possibility of running a group, and Dayton is a question mark. The focus now is how to contact and enlist qualified and interested families to join the program. Gene is looking for ideas how to find/reach families in need who would benefit.

**OMGA Mini-college:** Silent auction donations are still being sought. Only a few more are needed to meet the minimum requirement, but we can certainly exceed that minimum. Value needs to be \$25. or more. Baskets and books, by the way, have pretty much saturated the market: different items are needed, and they need not be garden-related. A list of tentative speakers has been compiled.

**Status of Audit 2015 cover letter:** At this time there is no cover letter, so Tonia and Sharon D. will sign one and email it to members.

**Plant Sale Apprentice Search:** No bites on this one yet, so Linda will put a job description and ad for the position in the *Grapevine*.

**Diamond Pioneer Award:** Last year Gene was nominated for this award, but he later realized that it is not something for Master Gardeners. The recipient must be over 75 years old, and it is only for very major contributions to Oregon agriculture. Major, as in spending 35 years as an ag. Extension agent, or being responsible for life-changing crop improvements.

**Demonstration Garden Signage:** Using the information gathered by a signage committee many long months ago, the decision was made to have Donn order the sign-making equipment and the sign holders. Both orders are of necessity online, meaning that the materials should arrive within about 10 days. A determined and concerted effort will then be made to identify every plant at the Extension Office, around the fairground buildings, and at the demonstration garden and make and install a label for each one.

**The end came** at 11:44 a.m. when Pat adjourned the meeting, and Linda seconded the action.

*Donn Callaham, Secretary*

*June 08, 2016*

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