

Yamhill County Master Gardeners Association

Executive Board Minutes for July 13, 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>	Pat Fritz	<i>Cathy Burdett</i>	
<i>Linda Coakley</i>	<i>Polly Blum</i>	Donn Callahan	<i>Gail Price</i>	<i>Linda Mason</i>
Rita Canales	<i>Gene Nesbitt</i>	<i>Heather Stoven</i>	<i>Jade Wilson</i>	<i>Sue Nesbitt</i>
<i>Mary Murphy</i>	<i>David Christie</i>	Nancy Woodworth	<i>Beth Durr</i>	

First Item was approval of secretary's minutes from last month. Tom made the motion for approval, and Rita seconded it. Pat made a motion to approve the Audit Report, and Rita seconded that. The report is now in the Secretary's book.

Treasurer's report: Carol Park has emailed the financial report to applicable members, and Secretary possesses a hard copy. For Master Gardeners who would like the organization to pay for some of their tuition to Mini-College, they need to forward a copy of their receipt to Carol via email (a copy of their registration) or leaving a hard copy for her. We also received a check for \$500. from First Federal Bank for their "volunteer hours" promotion.

President-elects' Report: (Notice the plural here). We have 2 volunteers for 2016 President-elect: Rita Canales and Nancy Woodworth. Each will be one-half of a president-elect, and both will serve on the Education Committee. They are now officially officers through 2016, and their future will be determined at the end of the year. They also need to have their signatures authorized to be on the YCMGA checking account.

OSU staff report: Heather mentioned that the MG's will have an informational table at the Yamhill County fair in the Demo. Garden. However, there are no plans to staff the table, because the booth was not a big draw last year. Two rocks will replace the usual 2 MG's, to keep papers from blowing about. This year the cost of the MG booth at the McMinnville Farmers' Market was covered by the YCMGA, but we found out that OSU is supposed to do that. Next year that may happen, or it may be changed. Setup and Takedown of the MG booth for the Farmers' Market needs to be distributed among more people. Right now only a few people have been doing it. However, Heather feels it is unfair to those who work the booth to expect them to do the prep. and cleanup work as well. The suggestion was made that people who take the booth down take the supplies home with them, but that leads to lost supplies and then searches for the equipment. The shed at the Extension Office is where the supplies should be kept. During the time of other clinics, the Farmers' Market supplies were misplaced and squandered. The decision was made to have a Farmers' Market-Only supply box, to avoid pilfering. OSU is supposed to pay for the box and materials in it, but there is a flaw in that: bureaucracy. OSU will take at least 2 months to process the order, whereas YCMGA could do that in several minutes. However, since there are no clinics other than Farmers' Market for the rest of this year, time is not critical, and Heather will begin the process of ordering a kit. We will also replace a clinic bag that has a tear in the bottom, leaving a stream of supplies wherever the clinic folks go. Finally, re: the issue of having more people help in setup and takedown: Donn, Pat, and Nancy offer to rotate the job weekly. However, Tom will first go right to peoples' homes and have hombre-a-hombre talks to motivate people to help. And by the way, Polly said that all the materials will definitely fit in a hatchback, so lack of a pickup will be no excuse to not help.

The President's mail: An offer was made by WebDesign to assist on our web page, but it is already done well, and Tom does not need or want any help on it. Offer refused.

Propagation: Linda reported that there will be a propagation work session and a tissue-culture talk by Ruth on July 20, unfortunately on the same day as our Guest Speaker will be doing her presentation. Choose one or the other.

Demonstration Garden (fairgrounds): Because the pavilion area was badly overgrown and had much dead material, Sharon did a major cleaning and brush removal. The plan now is to fill in the bare areas (where shrubs and trees had consumed more space than they deserved) with annuals. Those are being donated by the high school. In the fall permanent plantings will be installed.

Garden Tours: David has no plans for any tours this summer or this fall. The clematis tour had a rather low turnout. Pat suggested a tour of a mushroom farm, and a return to the Oregon Gardens, in the fall in cooler weather.

Education/Outreach: Pat reported that the clinic at the McMinnville Garden Club Plant Fair was active and effective. It was suggested that we might like to do a clinic at the Heritage Center's Harvest Festival in August. Social meetings will resume in the fall. Attendance at these was quite low this year, but the those who did attend were very enthusiastic about the presentations. The future of these meetings might be reconsidered this winter, but it could also be that it just takes time for people to get interested in them and for word to get out. Pat suggested that next year there be only one clinic per month: this year there were too many, resulting in not enough MG's to run the office.

McMinnville Community Garden: The garden is growing faster than a weed this year, and the crew is working hard. 567 pounds of produce were donated to YCAP, Heather's program was successful, and Duniway students did an excellent job of working at the garden. (Their reward: one tomato plant each!) There were between 60 and 70 gardening participants recently. Crews of 8 new Linfield students will be working in the garden August 22, 23, and 24. And as always, volunteers are highly desired.

Newberg Farmers' Market: The new location was an improvement over the old one, but it still was mighty slow. There will be no booth at the July market, and the booth (and Master Gardeners) will return there in August.

Mini-college: Walk-ins will still be accepted this year, though they may not get their choice in classes. We now have the required number of auction items, but more are certainly welcome. And for those desiring exotic destinations, the Linfield dorms will be available for overnight stays. The Frank Messina band has been engaged to play at the banquet which will take place outside, and there will be an open bar. The Third Street Bookstore has collected a large number of books (some even at discount) for sale in a booth there, all focused on plants.

Spring into Gardening: A co-chair is needed to help coordinate the show. More speakers are being sought, and when they are found the committee will pick a specific theme. (The theme of "Health and Gardens" is too broad, and vague). Sponsors will be committed by December, so that their companies can get appropriate publicity in print.

Demonstration Garden Signage: Donn received all the sign-making equipment, and Nancy has printed out all the plant identification tags for all the gardens. We also received brochure dispenser boxes, which are being mounted at strategic points. Gene noted that all signage must be done by July 20, and with him and Nancy at work it certainly will be.

Mini-college plans: There will be 4 roundtable discussions at noon (during lunch) during the college. Subjects are newsletters; databases; Facebook; websites with 2 discussions (simultaneously) per day. Each will last one hour; all participants have to do is show up at the table. There will also be a panel & open discussion on the use of social media: this event is 3 – 4 hours. One more garden cart is needed, plus strong men OR WOMEN Thursday at 8 a.m. to help in setup and bring in supplies. More hosts are needed to guide lost souls, plus people to introduce and assist speakers, and door monitors for each class. Help is needed Friday a.m. to arrange auction items.

Unfinished Business: Finally OMGA has solved the liability problem by promising to do all the paperwork and pay all necessary fees so that every chapter is fully covered. On the Plant Sale Committee, there is still a need for one apprentice.

New Business: Ruth has volunteered to be our Desk Captain. The graduation ceremony will be at the Heritage Center this year, since it has lots of room for cars and people, a partial kitchen, and a good price (\$150 per day). Rita motioned to split the costs (including a \$200 refundable deposit) 50/50 with OSU and her husband seconded it. YCMGA is hosting the BBQ at the Community Gardens, which is open to all MG's. Polly will supply meats; everyone is asked to bring a pot luck dish. The BBQ is free, but there will probably be about 60 people to feed. Therefore, *all* YCMGA members need to bring food. Also, Linda motioned that YCMGA pay for banquet dinners for 20-year veterans, and again Tom seconded the motion. Some of us were surprised to learn that there will be no Board Meeting for August, and there isn't even a *Grapevine* issue in August.

The end came at 11:55 a.m. when Pat adjourned the meeting, and Linda seconded the action.

Donn Callaham, Secretary--July 13, 2016