

Meeting called to order by Nancy Woodworth at 10:03 a.m. on above date

Carol Parks	<i>Cathy Burdett</i>	Apryl Garmon	<i>Polly Blum</i>	
Nancy Woodworth	<i>Alan Wenner</i>	Tonia Beebe	<i>Tara Townley</i>	Donn Callaham
<i>Linda Mason</i>	Linda Cookley	<i>Tom Canales</i>	<i>Rita Canales</i>	<i>Gail Price</i>
<i>Heather Stoven</i>	<i>Sylvia Connor</i>	<i>Ruth Estrada</i>	<i>Stephanie Janik</i>	<i>Board members in BOLD</i>

May Secretary's report: Minutes designated as draft by a member, so did not get approved.

Scholarship recipients: Nancy Woodworth and Rita Canales took turns introducing the 5 students who came to the meeting to thank YCMGA. A short bio. on each student was read, and showed that these young adults are at the very top of graduates. Besides having high grades, all students are heavily involved in other activities such as sports, FFA, and ag-related pursuits. Upcoming majors will be in forestry, ag business, environmental science, ag and wine, and ag business management. These people are clearly an exceptionally highly-qualified group.

Treasurer's report: Carol Parks has not sent out the budget numbers yet, as she is working on balancing the budget. The current balance is \$42,372.76. Some accounts may be dropped, including scholarship account (but see change to this plan later in notes). There is a "fuchsia account" of \$500 which was donated to YCMGA to be specifically used for *fuchsia*-related expenses. Our organization is too small to have a separate capital improvement account, so that will be a budget line item instead.

President-elect report: Rita had no news, and Nancy ran the meeting in a most competent and efficient manner.

The Heather report: There is still a serious problem staffing the McMinnville Farmers' Market and clinics. The sign-up system works well but not enough people (both trainees and members) want to do it. To date Tom Canales has been doing the entire Farmers' Market.

MHS Horticulture program: Alan Wenner informed us that this program was cut from the school budget, unbeknownst to the public. Alan encourages people to write to the school board and the *News-Register* to protest the loss, and he volunteered to write to the *News-Register* as a representative of YCMGA. The motion was made to "let" Alan do this, Tom seconded it, and it passed. Alan also passed out a copy of a letter from the District #40 FFA adviser. He stated that the students elected to send all funds they have earned to be put into a fund, disbursed by YCMGA, to be given to MHS FFA members as scholarships, until funds are exhausted. Apryl motioned that this be kept as a separate item from the regular scholarship fund and that YCMGA be responsible for the funds. Callaham seconded, and it passed.

Announcement: Nancy reminded us of the opportunity for Master Gardeners to be in the closed Facebook group run by Gail Langellotto. We all received the information on this in 2 emails in the past weeks. The purpose of the group is to share questions, answers, suggestions, photos, and other plant-related information with other Master Gardeners only. If interested, ask Nancy for an application.

Education/outreach committee: The following events are pending: Community Garden class on 7/26; Harvest Fest 8/19 and 8/20. Field trips are on hold (with one in the works); we need suggestions for Lunch & Learn speakers (who receive a \$50 honorarium); propagation sessions count as .5 hours educational credit; Secretary will contact Patti for list of greenhouse activities to publish.

McMinnville Community Garden: Linda Mason reported a very successful day with Linfield volunteers and 26 gardeners; on June 6 & 7 middle-schoolers helped at the garden; there is a new wait list for raised beds; 203 pounds of produce were donated to YCAP; 319 pounds of tomato plants (yes, someone really did weigh them) also went to YCAP. Since the beginning of their year on November 1, 2016, the Garden has donated 753 pounds of food to YCAP. Family Planting Day (with "t" underlined to clarify it is not an "n") went well, with 15 kids participating; kids received their own industrial-strength tomato cages, and kids are planting and tending special gardens for YCAP. Here's something new: the irrigation system came in under budget! However, a tractor had to be rented for a while to replace the indisposed borrowed tractor. Ruth suggested someone (indicating Alan, of course) inform the *News-Register* of all the impressive accomplishments at the Community Garden.

OMGA reps: Linda reported that 1238 people have registered for the International Conference; people may get in free only for access to vendors on July 11 and 13. "Gardening with Pets" will be in the next newsletter; Linfield facilities have been reserved for July 12th through 14th of 2018 for the next "Mini-college"; officers are needed for OMG and job descriptions for officers are on the OMG website. There is

also a plant-themed Haiku contest, with Tonia Beebe in charge! Apryl mentioned that OMGA would like to build up a list of potential speakers for any future use, and she will check with those who are recommended.

Web & Publicity: Tom Canales would like to add a section to the website, containing photos and names of as many YCMGA members as possible. This was welcomed as an excellent idea, as newcomers need the reference. Tom still needs assistance, but appears to have given up any real hope of finding one. Not enough people with both the knowledge and the time.

Seed-to-Supper: The spring session has concluded, with 15 people signed up and 6 graduating, with every graduate receiving a free raised bed for use at home. More publicity is needed; there are 3 teachers working with the group; Fall classes may be in preserving, led by a Master Preserver. The classes are valuable ways to teach nutrition and economics (besides gardening) and reach kids well. So, Tom will prepare a press release to that effect, and speak with the *News-Register* re: publication of it.

Propagation: Stephanie reported that first cuttings for shrubs are now being made, and the crew is seriously busy.

Plant Sale Committee: Ruth is contemplating a program wherein people “adopt” certain types of plants (to raise them for the sale). She reminded us of the upcoming propagation sessions, which are: cuttings; seeding; division & cuttings; insects; pesticides; and grow locations. Each session issues .5 hours of education credit. The group is buying 4.5” solid blue and variegated hostas which will be planted in gallon pots. Later the plants will be split and planted again in gallons, ensuring adequate margin when sold. In the spring, the group will buy more unusual plants for the plant sale. Doris is seeking seed for *scented geraniums* (geranii?), and details on the FarWest show will be in our *Grapevine*. Per Tom, Robert Dillicot plans to build a plant sale catalog. It would list people who donate certain types of plants or can supply cuttings, and would be used to systematically contact these people *l-o-o-n-g* before the plant sales.

International MG convention: The display bicycle is being built shrouded in deep secrecy, and it may be permanently displayed later.

McMinnville Farmers’ market: The new location is excellent, and on pavement. Tom said they are making 40 to 50 contacts per day, but still need help for setup and breakdown. MG’s are still needed to help run the booth for the rest of the summer and fall, and there is the possibility of dropping the booth at the market if enough help is not available.

Policy & Procedures Committee: The committee has not yet met, but Carol has requested a copy of the materials used by Marion County.

Garden Tours Committee: Polly has given a large choice of dates to Monrovia Nursery for a tentative tour, and will maintain contact.

Plant Production Committee: Sylvia reported that plant production is increasing every year, so changes are needed.

Inventory Status: Donn initially received some reports on equipment, but there is still equipment out there that has not been reported or recorded. He will prod some members responsible in an effort to complete the list. It is probably at about 50% right now.

Graduation/Awards Ceremony: This will take place on November 15th, 2017, and the venue has been reserved. Hours must be updated at least 2 weeks before, as Jade has to check and tabulate all hours for all members by the 15th.

Reminder: Next board meeting will be one week later than usual, on July 19th, due to the international convention.

Plant Data Base Development: Sheila Hunter and Patti will develop the database, and videotape the process. The “Gardenware” software used for the plant sale has very limited use, and even Tom finds it difficult to use! It needs to be updated or replaced, though Robert Dillicot might be building a program which replaces it. Whatever program is being used also needs to be installed on another computer so that Rita Canales can get help making labels (which turns out to be a horrendous task).

Fall Planning Session: Though this “retreat” usually takes place in November, it is now being scheduled for October 14th. Location will be our usual exotic destination resort, the Public Works auditorium. Beginning at 9:00 a.m., it will end when it is done (hopefully around 3 p.m.) Nancy will check with Jade and reserve that ever-popular auditorium.

Surprise Fact! Unbeknownst to any member joining in the last 5 years or so, the YCMGA actually has a “Sunshine Person” (Beth Durr), though it is not mentioned anywhere in writing.

Adjournment was at 11:51.