

**Meeting called to order by Pat Fritz at 9:59 a.m. on above date. In attendance:**

*Carol Parks*

*Cathy Burdett*

*Polly Blum*

*Gene Nesbitt*

*Eileen McBride*

*Nancy Woodworth*

*Tonia Beebe*

*Tara Townley*

**Donn Callaham**

**Pat Fritz**

*Linda Mason*

**Linda Coakley**

*Tom Canales*

**Rita Canales**

*Anna Ashby*

*Jade Wilson*

*Stephanie Janik*

Board members in **BOLD**

**May & June Secretary's reports:** Approval of minutes was motioned by Carol, seconded, and agreed upon by everyone. Carol also requested that information in May minutes be changed to reflect that there is no actual "Sunshine Committee," that Beth Durr handles that role in an unofficial manner. Pat motioned that June minutes be approved, Donn seconded, and agreement was unanimous.

**Treasurer's report:** Carol Parks has sent out all financial reports via email. Although the scholarship account, the check book and the bank statement reconcile, The Quicken financial reports show \$500 less in the account than is actually there even though there are no outstanding checks. It is unclear why and this is a figure that cannot be changed manually. The problem will be resolved when we close this account and transfer the money to the savings account. We did not create a line item in the budget for the IMGCC since our obligation to provide support was completed last year. Nevertheless, there are expenses that will need to be reimbursed for the decorations. Carol moved to add a line item to the budget for the IMGCC of \$500. Donn seconded the motion and the motion passed. We were surprised to learn that the funds earned by the FFA high school students and transferred to YCMGA was almost \$12,000. The money is reserved in a designated account for Mac high school students with a preference given to FFA students. They are requesting that if the FFA at Mac HS is resurrected that YCMGA grant them \$1,000 to restart the program.

**President-elect report:** Rita was concerned that the presidents-elect were responsible for doing a complete update of the resource manual. That's not written anywhere, but she had been informed of the responsibility. She was deeply relieved to learn that a committee is responsible for that, and that Rita & Nancy's job is to just review and edit after the committee has done the heavy lifting. Because of redundant redundancy, Cathy and Eileen believe they can make the manual half the size it is now. Anyone who sees a need for changes in the manual needs to contact the committee with their suggestions.

**The Heather report:** This was the "Jade Report" today but the content was the same: Volunteers for Farmers' Markets and various clinics ARE STILL SORELY NEEDED! As of now, Tom seems to be doing all the setup, operation, and takedown on Farmers' Market. Not Fair!

**Announcements/correspondence:** A note of written thanks was received from one of the scholarship recipients, and another from the Community Garden, for Master Gardener financial support of installation of the irrigation system.

**Education/outreach committee:** For Harvest Festival (at the Heritage Center) 2 people are now signed up for the clinic for both days. "Lunch & Learn" will not take place in July or August, nor October or November. September will have an L & L session, and there is hope that a member of the Hardy Fuchsia Society will present in December. Heather plans to do a second tree tour at Linfield because of the outstanding success and popularity of her first one, date to be arranged. Planning for "Spring Into Gardening" will soon commence, and ideas are wanted for a theme. Tara, Gene, and Nancy are all working (independently and together) on labeling and informational displays for the new demo. gardens, and of course will be ready before the Yamhill County Fair. Polly has been struggling to arrange the tour of Monrovia, and finally was able to lock it in on July 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00 p.m. Though many are enthusiastic for the tour, she has been trying to get replies from Monrovia for months, and at this point it would be no surprise to see Polly begin to (politely) become enraged. Tara is building a full-year calendar of EOC (and EOC only) events to be used permanently, which will be highly valued. Rita reported that MG's had not had a clinic at the McMinnville Garden Fair, primarily because we were notified one week before the fair. In her usual fashion Rita piled all the blame on herself, though Nancy emphasized that she was just as responsible. They argued nicely and briefly, concluding by sharing the blame 60% and 40% (though we don't know who took what percentage).

**McMinnville Community Garden:** Linda Mason reminded us of the next garden class, which will be run by Heather on August 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Cost will be \$10 per person, and Allen will take the money. (By chance we also learned that if the educational component of a class runs short, Allen plans to conscript all attendees to work in the garden for the remaining time). Members are in the process of thinning beets, drying staggering quantities of garlic, and harvesting tomatoes and peppers. This year the garden has donated 934 pounds to YCAP: they also received a plaque from YCAP for donating 14,625 pounds of food (enough for 12,188 meals) last year. On July 3<sup>rd</sup> 4 ag interns from Bailey Nurseries worked at the Garden, and Linfield volunteers will be helping the third week of August. People are already being placed on a waiting list for raised beds next year, and from now on beds will be limited to one per household.

**Web & Publicity:** Tom Canales has added a section to the website containing photos and names of as many YCMGA members as cooperate. For those slow to submit photos he cruised about taking photos himself. People violently opposed to having their photo on the website are allowed to avoid it. Tom has met with News-Register personnel, and will be able to submit coverage of MG activities in the "Viewpoints" section of the paper. Seed-to-Supper, then Community Garden will be first, with later entries on clinics, MG classes, the demo. gardens, and possibly other educational MG programs and events.

**Seed-to-Supper:** Gloria and Clay have 6 students (with 2 more possible) from the Department of Corrections in their class at the Whiteson Garden. Needed for other sessions are 2 Spanish-speaking teachers and 2 or more English-speaking instructors. There will be 1 or 2 sets of classes in McMinnville this year, and none in Newberg. Master Food Preservers will offer a class on salsa (the edible kind), and the Community Garden has 6 families from the S-to-S program now avidly involved. Two Linfield students will be working on gardens in containers for the S-to-S patrons. Help is needed for organization, and Gene would welcome a co-chair for the program.

**Propagation:** Cuttings are still being processed, and Stephanie would like suggestions as to what kinds of *berry plants* should be at the sale. The hostas are all now in foster homes, to be retrieved in the spring.

**Plant Sale Committee:** The first meeting will be in September, so right now Pat is just worrying about the sale.

**International MG convention:** Everyone who went to the convention was quite taken with it, and particularly impressed by the decorations and the quality of the food. An article with pictures will be submitted for the *Grapevine*, where you will also see photos of all the bicycle art. Sue Nesbitt and Yamhill County members prepared 700 hospitality bags and Gene manned the OMGA booth. He also was noted for being cooperative and following all the women's directions well.

**McMinnville Farmers' market:** Startled by hearing his name, Tom recovered quickly to ask for *much* more help with the clinic booth. There are 40 to 50 contacts per day, often handled by only one person. A tally of contacts is kept for each session, and Tom or Jade will create a formal form to use. However, Jade warned everyone *not* to record the contacts on records of hours, as that would cause duplication and consequent mayhem. A brochure on becoming a Master Gardener is popular, and a procedure for listing (and later contacting) potential new members is needed. Jade will create a form for this.

**Policy & Procedures Committee has morphed into the "Guidelines & Processes Committee."** It began with the incorporation and bylaws, and now needs a brief but organized report from each committee chairperson. The report needs to cover goals, major tasks, and sequence of tasks for each committee, due by **September 13<sup>th</sup> at the latest**. The hope is that this will promote continuity from year to year as personnel disappear and are replaced. All material will be approved by the Board of Directors, who can make changes as necessary. Admittedly, this process will be long and slow and ongoing.

**Garden Tours Committee:** (See information under "Education/Outreach Committee re: Monrovia tour, which is free).

**Capital Improvement Committee:** This group has not yet met, and it is possible that it will be disbanded. For there to be one *less* committee in any organization can be deemed a stunning and commendable event.

**Sunshine Committee:** It simply wasn't, and isn't. Beth Durr unofficially sends cards/flowers when appropriate.

**Inventory Status:** Donn has given up prodding members to submit inventory items, because the 4 original people who participated were the only ones who participated. He is adding items as he finds them or hears of them. He will keep the inventory, such as it is.

**Bank Business Account:** Carol has been waiting for May and June minutes to be approved before she takes action.

**Ice Cream Social:** Although this could not be held as planned due to overbooking at the fairgrounds, as of now the overbooking was cancelled and again the social should be held at the fairgrounds on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:** Everyone is asked to think of presenting new projects during the "retreat." Tom will update the form for submissions, by adding space for the name of the proposer and for the estimated cost of the proposal.

Pat made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carol.

**Adjournment** was at 11:35.