

Meeting called to order by Nancy Woodworth at 10:02 a.m. on above date. In attendance:

**Carol Parks**

*Cathy Burdett*

*Gene Nesbitt*

*Heather Stoven*

**Nancy Woodworth**

*Tonia Beebe*

*Marilyn MacGregor*

**Donn Callaham**

*Gail Price*

*Ruth Estrada*

**Apryl Garmon**

**Pat Fritz**

*Linda Mason*

*Stephanie Janik*

**Linda Cookley**

*Sue Nesbitt*

*Marcia Sherry*

Board members in BOLD

**July Secretary's reports:** Approval of minutes was motioned by Donn, seconded by Apryl, and agreed upon by everyone.

**Treasurer's report:** Carol Parks reported that at the end of August YCMGA possessed \$46,642.39. All financial reports will be emailed. Everything has been completed to activate the YCMGA checking account, and authorized signers are now authorized. Also, First Federal Bank sent a check for \$500 to YCMGA, for volunteer hours (which is the maximum amount given per organization).

**President-elect report:** Only Nancy was present and she ran the meeting temporarily. Due to interruptions the start was delayed, but once Nancy cleared that up the meeting proceeded well.

**The Heather report:** A new type of sign-up calendar is being introduced in 2018 and will streamline the process immensely. Gaps in the scheduling for the desk will be obvious; people can sign up once for as long a shift as they like; and it is in living color! Later it will be coordinated with the Public works calendar (auditorium). Change: 5 hours manning or womaning the desk or a Farmers' Market will be required (not just requested) for requalification as a Master Gardener, which will be calculated as direct hours. From the Karl Carlson Memorial fund, an award of \$250 for the Community Garden "Therapeutic Gardening" program; we also received the "Search for Excellence" award for making labels for all the plants at the plant sale. (See last month's *Grapevine* for a full description of this program).

**"Greenhouse" Clarification:** Re: the greenhouse, Ruth will be doing the ordering and is the head of perennial propagation, but *not* of the greenhouse itself. Linda is now in charge, and Gail has retired from that position. The term "Greenhouse" will now pertain to the physical structure itself, not to the plants within. A new category is "Annuals & Vegetables Propagation," run by Linda. Gail is in charge of the Demonstration Garden (at the fairgrounds) and greenhouse maintenance, Ruth in charge of "Perennial Propagation," and Sharon is the "Irrigation Department." She will be training Donn to be the Chief Irrigation Assistant. Suzanne and Pat will be in charge of the plant sale.

**Education/outreach committee:** There will be no "Lunch & Learn" in November or December. In fact, turnout for "Lunch & Learn" has been markedly paltry, and obtaining speakers has been very challenging in spite of the \$50 offered to speakers. Nancy requested suggestions re: what would get more people to come to "L & L", and received some ideas. Ideas were: 4 hours is too long; there are too many opportunities for learning; it should not be tied to board meeting (though that was the original intent); it could be at 7 p.m., with the board meeting at 8:00 p.m.; the presentation could be before the board meeting. The committee will decide what changes to try, or possibly just cancel the program. The ice cream social was enjoyed by everyone who came, though attendance was much less than hoped.

**Community Garden:** Linda Mason reported that the Karl Karlson Memorial Fund award received by YCMGA for the Community Garden will be used to provide gardening supplies to the participants in the horticulture therapy program who planted a raised bed under the direction of Master Gardeners and their Yamhill County Mental Health Coordinator. This year's harvest is now at 9,180 pounds and is progressing at a feverish pace. Even non-MG's have been helping with the harvest, and there is already a waiting list for 2018 for raised beds. Lettuce and spinach have been started in the greenhouse. Tom arranged for the *News-Register* to publish two excellent articles on the Garden; one by the Garden's Treasurer and the other by the Seed to Supper Coordinator. Tom got the *News-Register* to print two excellent articles by Master Gardeners: you will find the links to these articles in the next *Grapevine*.

**Seed-to-Supper:** One of the articles (by Gene Nesbitt) mentioned above described the Community Garden and was excellent publicity for it. A class in Newberg will begin on 9/30, this fall there will be a class in Sherwood, and in the spring classes in McMinnville and Newberg. There are 4 new instructors, 2 of whom speak Spanish. In fact, more *English*-speaking instructors are now needed.

**Propagation:** Gallon pots are now being filled, the back of the greenhouse has been painted white, and 3 new shelf units are being built by Patti and her husband Art, in Newberg. They are of treated wood, 3' tall, 6' long, and 30" deep. Each will include plastic storage bins and drawers. Help will probably be needed to transport them to the greenhouse.

**Plant Sale Committee:** The first meeting will be in October, and one vendor is already lined up.

**Mentoring:** We now have 3 experienced mentors and one junior mentor, plus 4 people willing to sub. Wanted are educational displays that will tie in with the daily topics, and more mentors.

**Policy & Procedures Committee** has now received 15 responses from committee chairs, describing the tasks of that committee. Eileen and Tara will put all the reports into a uniform format, then it will go back to the committee chairs for proofreading, then back to the "P & P" committee, and then finally to the board for final approval.

**Inventory Status:** Donn is still working to locate and identify articles worth \$100 or more, and the irrigation system in the greenhouse was recommended to add to the inventory.

**OMGA:** The next board meeting will be in Medford, on the last weekend of the month.

**Plant Data Base Development:** Robert now has 800 plants listed in the database he is compiling; each listing will include Latin and common names, sourcing (for YCMGA), who has adopted what (and promises to return it), and tracking. All plants will be included, but the database is not on the member website.

**Fall Planning Meeting:** (also referred to as a "retreat"). This will take place in October and will include the board meeting. If anyone wants to change or begin a project, they need to fill out a project sheet. Check with Carol if you want a significant amount of money, before assuming that it will be available. The meeting is open to all Master Gardeners.

**VRS hours must be submitted on or before October 31<sup>st</sup> to be included this year.**

**Incorporation Guidebook:** Pat has taken all the information she learned when she incorporated YCMGA, and written the book on the processes needed for an incorporation. Jade will keep one hard copy, the secretary will keep one, and one will be delivered to Kathryn at OMGA. Pat motioned that the Secretary instead of the Librarian will keep a copy; Linda seconded it, and everyone said "Aye."

**Nominating committee:** The committee, consisting of Nancy, Rita, and Donn has begun work pleading with people to be future officers. They must have results by graduation. Even if someone is willing to stay in office, a competitor is supposed to be created for the office.

**Resource Manual:** Updating is in progress, thanks to Tara and Eileen. The President will edit it.

**Graduation:** This will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Heritage Center on Highway 18. Seamus (pronounced "Shay'mus") Ramirez of the OMGA will hand out the awards at about 7:00 pm. Katherine Johnson, OMGA treasurer, may possibly attend as well.

**YCMGA** judged the flower arrangements at the fair, and we received effusive thanks from the participants. A letter was all hearts and smiles, and Sue described the contestants' hyper-bubbly outlook, a welcome respite from grim oldsters.

**Trainee Status:** More publicity to recruit trainees would be pleasant. Jade is helping to collect information re: people who might be interested, sending letters to those people, and sending applications at the same time. Someone may be writing a piece for the *News-Register* to publicize the opportunity to become a Master Gardener.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn at 11:28, seconded by Susanne. Again, everyone voiced their agreement with a chorus of weak "ayes."