

YCMGA Board Meeting Minutes

March 21nd 2018

The President called the meeting to order at 10:02 on 3/21/1

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nancy Woodworth	Tonia Beebe	Donn Callahan	Pat Fritz
Tom Canales	Gail Price	Heather Stoven	Polly Blum
Rita Canales	Linda Mason	Susanne Beukema	Terry Hart
Marilyn MacGregor	Linda Coakley	Carol Parks	Gene Nesbitt

Secretary's notes for January: Rita Canales motioned to approve the February minutes, and Tom Canales seconded which meant the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Carol has completed and submitted the financial report. As of the end of February, YCMGA had \$37,881.33 in accounts. Carol strongly recommends keeping copies of anything sent to her via U.S. mail, as some items have been lost before getting to her.

President-elect report: The president-elect had nothing.

Heather Report: Heather thanked everyone who worked at "Spring into Gardening", and praised the success of the event. She also noted the unusual participation and enthusiasm of the trainees.

Announcements & Correspondence: OSU has newly-published guidelines for plants being brought from homes to MG plant sales. Basically, the requirements use "common" sense to keep from transporting harmful species, particularly invasive ones. No plant may be brought in in "Garden" soil, which is any soil dug from the ground. Only potting soil may be used. For the complete list of requirements, see the April *Grapevine*. OMGA is looking for table covers with the OSU logo, of which we have none.

Education/Outreach Committee: Now that Spring Into Gardening is history, the committee is focusing on clinics and events. Jeannie Taylor is scheduled to do a class on butterflies in a month or so (no date set yet). People are needed to sign up for the events of April 7th and Newberg High plant sale.

Community Garden: All of the raised beds (57) are rented except for five that are reserved for new Seed-to-Supper participants. There are eleven new gardeners for the 2018 growing season. MV Advancements will use the two all-access beds.

The in-ground phase of the expansion of the irrigation system has been completed. Once the 41 new raised beds have been constructed, the fittings and drip tape will be put in place to connect them to the irrigation system.

Garden Orientation will take place this Saturday (3/24) for all gardeners at 10 am. Diane Longaker, YCAP's Food Resource Development Coordinator, will talk about YCAP's programs to help those at nutritional risk. YCAP presented the Community Garden with a plaque for 2017—"helping provide 11,276 meals to those experiencing hunger." Focus is on readying the

Garden for opening day on March 31st as well as seeding and transplanting tomatoes for the plant sale. Walnut City Wineworks will host a wine tasting fundraiser for the Garden on April 7 from noon to 5 pm. The \$10 tasting fees will all go directly to the Community Garden.

MGA representatives: On Friday 3/02 there was a class on how to begin a "Junior Master Gardener" program, and the next day was devoted to the following business:

- 1) The PNW handbooks as of now are usable on line only, no PDF form available.
- 2) We received approx. 30 MG visors to be used as desired.
- 3) Articles for *Gardener's Pen* are due 3/23 for April, 7/26 for August
- 4) All chapters received a copy of the newly drafted memorandum of understanding between OSU and MG chapters. For Heather there was a copy of OSU's "conflict of interest" legal form, which she accepted with a remarkable lack of excitement.
- 5) "G2" (formerly mini-college) was discussed at length. For all the information on G2, see the April *Grapevine*.
- 6) OMGA is asking chapters to come up with a tentative "vision statement" for OMGA. However, members agreed that it is OMGA's vision, so OMGA should have its own vision for itself.
- 7) Each chapter is to create a handbook for new chapter representatives, which we did a while ago. Apparently ours is the only chapter that has done this.
- 8) OMGA want chapters to create a "Road Show" emphasizing how OMGA helps chapters. "Powerpoint®" was suggested for the presentation. How the presentation would be used was left open.
- 9) The Extension Educator award will have new requirements.
- 10) Award committee wants more educational outreach by chapters, along with number of people impacted by it.
- 11) A new historian will be documenting OMGA history from 2010 to the present. (Cathy Burdett has already written an exhaustive history from inception through 2009).
- 12) Next quarterly meeting in June in Roseburg.

Publicity: With the completion of SIG, effort is being focused on the plant sale, the ads for which are finished. Dues should have been paid by now. The Paypal renewal link will be kept open until the end of March. After that any dues paid will need to be done via check.

Seed-to-Supper is up and running. Classes are beginning, and there are 5 trainees involved in the project (which is an excellent showing).

Spring into Gardening: Rita thanked everyone for their work on the successful event. As she promised, she drew a volunteer

name for an undisclosed prize. It was a metal flower sculpture; Gene won it, but he really didn't want it, so Cathy won it. SIG had 160 participants; the raffle collected over \$1000 for YCMGA. Pulling the name of the raffle winners at SIG and organizing them before announcing them was hailed as a brilliant move.

Plant Sale Committee: All is on track. We lost 1 vendor for the sale, but that was only because of a scheduling conflict for that vendor. Publicity is now initiating.

Perennial Propagation: Tender perennials from Newberg High have arrived. It was noted that rather than trimming the grasses, Ruth actually combs each of them to look their best.

Annual Propagation Committee: All greenhouse activity is going as planned.

Mentoring Committee: Terry praised the mentoring, noting that it often extended into the lunch time. The trainees again were praised for their enthusiasm and participation. There will be new people on the committee, which is now looking over the mentor surveys. They will begin functioning in September.

Policy & Procedures Committee: Tom is awaiting material from Tara so he can proceed. Tom will initiate the chair position responsibilities online with a copy on Google Docs[®] which will be available to all members. On that, committee members can edit for their own committee. However, there will be a final copy on the web which only the Tom the Webmaster can alter. No paper copy planned. President Pat will have Jade send out email with Committee Chair Transition draft for general membership to review. Comments will be sent to Pat in writing. She will present the proposed final copy to the board at the April board meeting. It was agreed the Committee descriptions were not really P&Ps. They will be separate from the actual P&P (as for finances). All P&P conclusions must be voted on by the Board of Directors before being finalized.

Scholarship Committee: The special \$11,000 account from McMinnville High has 2 requirements: the scholarships must be to Mac High students, and they must be made with preference to FFA students. The scholarship committee will decide the amount to award each student.

Trips: The Allison garden tour will be on April 14th, and we were reminded that the lunch is expensive. Methven Family Winery is hosting a wine tour cum potluck in late July or early August, and will even supply the wine! Details in April *Grapevine*.

Unfinished Business:

There was a lengthy and dynamic discussion re: meeting procedures. Gene said that according to Robert's Rules, for the special executive board meetings (such as for disciplinary problems) the minutes do not have to be shared. YCMGA does not

follow Robert's Rules. We will not follow the "letter of the rules" as they are very involved, rigid, and complex, more than is necessary for a casual nonprofit. They will be used as a general guideline only. Special Executive Board Meetings must be announced only to board members, listing the one issue to be discussed. Secretary notes are taken, but the results are not included with the BOD minutes. In a "general" meeting every MG present can vote, but in a Board meeting only board members can do so.

Audit Report: The audit was performed by 3 persons (other than the treasurer) and results were accepted. There were a few minor discrepancies, which were solved.

Minutes vs. *Grapevine*: Pat researched the bylaws of YCMGA and found that yes, the minutes must be in the *Grapevine* every month. (Last month it was said that they should *not* be in the *Grapevine*, which Pat found to be incorrect.) The minutes published must have been approved by the board, so they will always be a month behind.

Revised financial polity: Carol the Treasurer has written and distributed the new policy to the board, changes to be implemented as necessary. Board members are requested to consider whether the amounts should be increased for the following: 1) amount over budget before the increased program costs need to be approved by the Board; and 2) the amount of reimbursement for travel to OMGA meetings by representatives, mileage and per diem. The financial policy will be voted on at the next Board meeting.

Desk "Captain" Crisis: YCMGA **MUST** have a desk captain right now, because currently the desk sign-up is very random and inconsistent. Pat suggested that each board member be responsible for one week of captainship every second month, perhaps for only 3 days per week. Gene suggested that instead the core group of about 18 MG's take over the job, and he volunteered to be the supervisor/overseer of the group immediately. Terry was asked to help in this task but declined: Marilyn volunteered to do it. Heather stated the need for an organizer for the trainees immediately, so Susanne volunteered to do that the first week of April, and Pat volunteered for the second week of April. More veterans are still needed at the in-house clinic desk.

At 11:50 a.m. Tom fervently motioned for adjournment, with Susanne and Carol immediately and enthusiastically seconding it. (Ever notice that Tom is nearly always the person motioning for adjournment?)