

YCMGA Board Meeting Minutes

April 11th 2018

The President called the meeting to order precisely at 10:00 on 4/11/18

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tonia Beebe	Donn Callaham	Pat Fritz
Tom Canales	Gail Price	Heather Stoven
Polly Blum	Rita Canales	Susanne Beukema
Terry Hart	Linda Coakley	Carol Parks
Gene Nesbitt	Ruth Estrada	Diane Lockwood
Alan Wenner	Maggie Wejroch	

New Board Member: Pat introduced Maggie Wejroch, our new liaison for the 2018 class. This woman earned her fame by, after moving here from Chicago, using her Community Garden bed to raise a very successful crop of *peanuts*!

Secretary's notes for January: Rita motioned the notes be approved, Susanne seconded, and no one objected.

Treasurer's Report: Carol emailed the financial reports several days prior to the meeting, and no one objected, so the motion passed. She noted that the SIG figures are tentative; receiving the last of the sponsor's checks will finalize unless there are outstanding expenses. There are 3 changes to the reimbursement policies. The draft for the revised financial policy was discussed but not voted on. It will be discussed further at the June meeting. **President-elect report:** The president-elect apologized for not sending out thank-you cards to the SIG volunteers. She truly meant to, but life got in the way. She'll use them for some other event in the future.

Heather Report: Heather remarked that we have had an unprecedented number of trainees working the desk, more than ever before.

Announcements & Correspondence: 2018 local nursery maps were handed out, and are now available for distribution at clinics. We received thanks from the Soil and Water Conservation District for having a booth at their annual plant sale.

Education/Outreach Committee: Nancy was not present, as she was basking in the sun in Arizona. Rita reviewed four events all held on April 7th. However, the clinic supply boxes had been ransacked and most of the materials were missing. The clinic at Farmfest had nothing but one book about weeds (missing handouts, flyers, banner, etc.) Rita will check all the boxes *again*.

Community Garden: As we all know by now, the Community Garden lost 800 tomato plants to apparently contaminated planting medium. However, replacement starts have been purchased and should be of size on time. The varieties will not be the same as listed here last month. Since the mushroom compost was free, there is no recourse on the loss of plants. On Saturday, April 14th, the staff hopes to build another 41 planting beds, all for YCAP. Barring rain (!!) the work will begin at 9:00 a.m.

OMGA Reps: Bylaws are being worked on; Marcia and Sue are now the only planners for G2. Registration will soon be online.

Web/publicity: materials are being gathered for McMinnville Farmers' Market, and signup for this is online. Of the 80 large posters printed, most have been distributed. Standard flyers are being restocked; distribution is needed in the "outlier" towns (anything other than Mac or Newberg). The Plant Sale will be on a blog; SWCD is distributing our plant sale fliers; all bed-renters will receive one.

Seed-to-Supper: 3 classes are starting, with 5 new instructors.

Spring into Gardening: Staff is still collecting suggestions and will compile them in August. New leaders are definitely needed for next year. Attendance was at 151, the same as last year (but less than desired). The public response was good as 62 attendees were not Master Gardeners. This was the first year having 5 trainees participating. The raffle turned a profit,

and praise for the new choose-your-item raffle was enthusiastic. Maggie will get feedback from the 2018 students.

Plant Sale Committee: All is on track. Updating stickers for the roadside signs are now here and new tougher wickets will be used. Signs will be distributed next week: check the notebook for sign-ups. This year there will be a map of the layout of the tables (for set-up) and bigger banners for the holding areas. New types of plants (such as coleus) are being added.

Perennial Propagation: Plants who did poorly are being summarily disposed of and the plant list will be updated. An unofficial sub-committee was investigating new seed varieties, but found most of the new varieties would be more easily grown from cuttings. New seed research continues. Oriental vegetables will be a new item, and trials will be performed on their growth rates. If there are surplus plants from the sale some could be available for the Farmers Market to sell or donate. Though the MG booth has not been allowed to sell anything, Tom will verify if that policy is still in effect.

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

Manual Revision Committee: None of the members have even thought about getting together, but they all promised to do so eventually.

Office clinic operation: There are now enough people to cover April, and into May. People will sign up for weekly or monthly duty, and there are 7 on-call people. This year the vets. will be scheduled first, then the trainees will sign up. (In the past it was the reverse of this procedure). Eileen and Jade will do office retraining for veterans on 5/22 and 5/23 having a basic training class and separate class on getting along with the office machinery.

Policy & Procedures Committee: A draft copy of the proposed 3-year rotation of committee chairs was passed out. (Pat emailed it earlier, but received very few comments). The board voted unanimously to

accept it.

Scholarship Committee: Trainee scholarships are available for SIG and Seed-to-supper, but right now there are no guidelines. Various methods of awarding scholarships were discussed, but the only one which was generally acceptable was to have anyone who applies (because of need) receive one, perhaps with a set number available (first to sign up = first to get money). Maggie, Tonia, and Carol committed themselves to working on the scholarship policy and will report back to the board. We do have enough funds to reimburse as many MGs as apply, and members did agree that the existing manner of having only one person approve scholarships with no oversight or transparency, would no longer do.

Trips: The Allison garden tour will be on April 14th, and we were reminded that the lunch is expensive. People must make their own reservations at the "Jory," the Allison's restaurant. Methven Family Winery is hosting a wine tour cum potluck in late July or early August, and will even supply the wine!

Mentor Committee: This committee will spring into action in 30 days from today's date. The members want to plan a "job fair" for new students, wherein the myriad choices for volunteering with Master Gardeners are explained.

New Business: There was a short discussion re: when to have the next board meeting in relation to the Plant Sale. Eventually there was a board vote on whether to have the May meeting at all, and the majority voted to have no meeting then. In June the board meeting should be on the usual date, though who knows what will happen?

In a dramatic change, Tom did not make the motion to adjourn (because he had to leave early), but Susanne did. An unidentified person seconded the motion, and the meeting ended at 11:48