

YCMGA Board Meeting Minutes

June 13th 2018

**The President called the meeting to order
at 9:57 on 6/13/18**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Donn Callaham	Pat Fritz	<i>Gail Price</i>
<i>Heather Stoven</i>	<i>Polly Blum</i>	Rita Canales
<i>Linda Coakley</i>	Carol Parks	<i>Ruth Estrada</i>
Nancy Woodworth	<i>Marilyn McGregor</i>	<i>Jan Coleman</i>
<i>Mary Murphy</i>	<i>Alan Wenner</i>	

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

Treasurer's Report: Carol sent out the financial reports via email several days ago. Gross from the MGA plant sale was \$28,000. Net is not available but less than \$10,000 was budgeted and not all of that was used. At the end of May YCMGA had about \$50,000, with major expenses already paid.

President-elect report: Anticipating that she will win the election and become president, Rita opened the floor to anyone to volunteer to be president-elect for next year.

Heather Report: Heather is pleased that the desk coverage is now going very well with the new calendar setup. Time at the desk is covered completely by Master Gardeners, and some of the trainees are now working on their own.

Education/Outreach Committee: Both the clinic at Kraemer's and the one at Edwards Elementary were cancelled, because no one signed up for either. Nancy rescheduled the Kraemer's one; Fuchsia Day went well. At the Farmfest the clinic box appeared to be missing most of the important elements, even though both Rita and Jade had inventoried and updated the box. No one has signed up for the Mac Garden Fair (taking place Sunday, June 24th, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.) The Pollinator Day at Michael's farm is booked solid, so no more attendees are allowed. There is a chance that Heather will do a one-hour talk on her ongoing work with Neil Bell. It will

probably take place in August, date TBA, perhaps at a board meeting. There will be a native plant talk by Jeannie Taylor either at the Sept. 12th board meeting, or the weekend before at her place.

RE: field trips: Polly tried to set one up with Heirloom Roses, but they no longer accept the public. Ruth brought up the FarWest Nursery Show. It is a trade show, but there are some tours and lectures. There will also be an August meeting at Will's winery and on 8-11 Rekha will teach lei-making at the ice cream social.

Community Garden: MV Advancement (formerly Mid-Valley Workshops) will be using all of the all-access beds; all student raised beds are taken; there are 8 new Seed-to-Supper students who are participating enthusiastically in the garden. Sixteen Duniway Middle School students spent time weeding and planting green beans. The Community Garden GRAND opening will be on Saturday, July 28th. Family Planning Day was a success, with 15 children. There were 4 successful organic gardening classes, and there are now 25 sponsors for the garden.

Fairgrounds Demonstration Garden: Gail reported that the garden is still there, though planting was late. It's mostly planted now, so work is focusing on the pavilion islands, a few of which may be removed. Various ways to *try* to kill the alum were discussed, with the conclusion that it is a survivor. There has been competition for helpers as the demo. garden and greenhouse activities coincide. Rose-pruning will be a group event on Tuesday June 19th at 9 am.

McMinnville Farmers' Market: Rita brought up the fact that not enough people sign up for the booth, particularly setup and teardown. When no one else does those chores, Tom does them. People agreed that that is not a functional state; if more volunteers do not appear, the future of the Farmers' Market booth will be decided at the annual planning meeting.

G2: The event will take place from July 12th to July 14th, and on the 12th there will be a 4 pm reception and welcome. Auction items are certainly needed, as are more loaned carts. (Alan promised 3). Jan, who claims she was brought out of mothballs for this task, says that help is needed for the setup phase, and between classes.

Seed-to-Supper: All programs have been completed, with a high graduation rate. All 8 students were able to reserve beds. Gene is organizing for next year, and food preservation classes will be held this summer.

Perennial Propagation: Excess plants from the sale have been donated to various entities. On July 19th there will be a presentation re: weeds and on June 26th a class on propagation by Master Gardeners from the Dalles.

Plant Sale committee: Pat had an appointment to talk with fairgrounds personnel about setting sale dates for the future. (She did this later, and had a very successful session). County Commissioner Stan Primovich is the liaison now for the Fair Board, but to date his participation is not needed.

Unfinished Business: The ideal date for graduation would be November 14th, though November 7th or December 12th would work. Members informally voted for the 14th, and Heather will confirm Heritage Center availability for that date with RayLinda.

Fall Planning Meeting: The group informally agreed upon October 27th (Saturday) for the meeting, which will begin at 9 am and end when it is finished. Our very special Public Works Auditorium has been reserved for this event. As usual, there will be potluck.

McMinnville Community Garden Grand Opening: MG volunteers are needed to operate a plant clinic at the event, which is on July 28th from 10 am to noon. Signup is online, and Alan promised that people can just show up unannounced, there is no work involved, and there will be treats!

OMGA report: Tonia, Sue, and Nancy spent the first 2 days of June in Roseburg at the OMGA meeting. Ideas are needed as to how to divide the responsibilities of G2 evenly among the chapters. Plans are to have the event in different regions of Oregon, not only at Linfield as in the past. The general feeling is that Yamhill MG's have been too accommodating and thus burdened with most of the responsibilities, even this year. The representatives found it interesting how different chapters have widely different expectations and requirements for volunteers, from very strict to quite lenient. Nancy mentioned that the 3 representatives got along well on this trip, and Tonia slowly agreed, seemingly reluctantly. (Sue was not present). At the end of the meeting Nancy shared a slide presentation she had prepared, showing the totally impressive Demonstration Garden in Roseburg. The garden is located in a public park, covers one acre and is stunning in everything from variety of gardens to signage. Nancy's presentation was very successful in making the Yamhill M.G.'s jealous and depressed.

At 11:55 Carol happily motioned that the meeting be adjourned, and Tonia seconded the motion. Next meeting will be on the usual date- - July 11th.