

## YCMGA Board Meeting Minutes

July 11<sup>th</sup> 2018

**The President called the meeting to order  
at 10:00 a.m. on 7/11/18**

### IN ATTENDANCE:

<i>Donn Callaham</i>	<i>Pat Fritz</i>	<i>Linda Mason</i>
<i>Heather Stoven</i>	<i>Heather Heater</i>	<i>Rita Canales</i>
<i>Ruth Estrada</i>	<i>Nancy Woodworth</i>	<i>Alan Wenner</i>
<i>Tom Canales</i>	<i>Polly Blum</i>	<i>BeukemaSusanne</i>

**Secretary's notes for July:** Tom motioned the notes for June be approved, Donn seconded, and no one objected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carol was not present. Pat said that Carol indicated that statements were on the way, not online yet. \$200 had been received for "Take a Friend to G2", with \$50. left.

**President-elect report:** Rita has not yet dug up a President-elect.

**Heather Report:** Help is still consistently needed for setting up and disassembling for the McMinnville Farmers' Market. As of now Tom and Jeff Fahey have been doing all the setup and teardown, though everyone agreed that it should be divided among more people. Perhaps Tom will need to start calling MG's who live in McMinnville to ask for help. As far as staffing the booth, that has just barely been covered. Susanne volunteered to do setup in an emergency.

**Mentoring Committee:** This year Terry and Rosemary are the co-chairs, and they have already begun recruiting new mentors.

**Education/Outreach Committee:** There is still a significant problem obtaining MGs for outside clinics and Farmers' Markets. There are core people, but some are overused (such as Tom). Most of the time there are enough people signed up for the clinics, but not for setup and teardown. Staff will be needed for a clinic at the State Fair, and we were told that the 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. shift is by far the most desirable (due largely to the coolness (at least in

comparison to daytime). Marion County will be in charge of setup, and Yamhill County is responsible for staffing on Saturday (July 28<sup>th</sup>). *Harvestfest* at the Heritage Center is on 8/18 and 8/19, and 3 more people are needed to staff the booth there. Seed-to-Supper is now in a state of estivation. Reminder that the ice cream social will be August 11<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 3 pm.

**Community Garden:** Grand Opening will be on 7/28, from 9 am to noon. The Children's Garden has been planted, and the June 30<sup>th</sup> program was very popular. Children tended gardens, heard a garden-related story, and made fairy gardens. To date 2,835 pounds of produce have been donated. MV Advancement has planted all the enhanced-access beds; the first Linfield class will be supplying assistance on 8/22 through 8/24.

**Fairgrounds Demonstration Garden:** Gail always needs help at this time in deadheading and of course weeding. The major pruning of bushes has been completed.

**McMinnville Farmers' Market:** The staff at the market are averaging 50 contacts per day, and have gone up to 80 on one day! The kids' planting station is popular; they are planting 6-packs, or if need be just taking a pack of seeds with instructions.

**Scholarship Committee:** (no members of the committee were present).

**Perennial Propagation:** Central Gorge Chapter members had a very productive visit on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The really short mini-classes were popular. Ground-covers will be planted next week, and ordering of plants will happen next spring.

**Plant Sale committee** is dormant right now. The decision has been made to rent the Fair Grounds facility for 2 days, though the Fair Board is flexible on this. The possible challenge of moving plants on a

Sunday (rather than Saturday after the sale) was mentioned, and will be solved later.

**Annual Propagation Committee** will come back to life in November.

**Policy and Procedures Committee:** No one remembered what was going on, so we skipped this.

**Tour Committee:** There was no interest in the August 23<sup>rd</sup> event. The Rogers Clematis Gardens tour is on (to Northeast Portland), costs \$10. per participant, and will take place on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. (The garden has 254 varieties of clematis, and sells plants only on Fridays and Saturdays).

**Resource Manual Committee:** Tom has set up the resource manual online so that right now anyone can make any changes to it. Changes automatically replace original material as soon as they are saved by the editor at work. It does need a permanent Supreme Editor (such as the President or Heather), who would make all the final decisions. Tom is working on updating the Chairperson list, and the question of who will have access (and how much) in the future still plagues us all. Several people strongly suggested “thinning the manual out” (i.e., getting rid of at least some of the duplication). To make the document more manageable, there is the possibility of actually referring readers to various sections (such as bylaws) rather than having them all included in the book. Once the Supreme Editors have cleared it, there will be both online and hard copies available.

**OMGA:** Nancy brought up the need to increase the reimbursement amount for representatives going to OMGA events. It turns out that the raise (to \$200) was already discussed and *informally* approved, but not yet voted upon. So Nancy will get her reimbursement, but will just have to be patient and wait for it.

**Plant Sale tags (procurement):** Rita has done thorough research on this topic, and has chosen the following: From OBC Co. software, printer, and tags. Tags are 4.5” long, printed on one side only; software

on a cd including all templates and to be used on a dedicated computer. (YCMGA probably will purchase a laptop for this purpose). Rita has the entire corrected master list of plants, and it will need to be transferred only once. Plants will be listed alphabetically by Latin name. The whole kit is \$580., and blank tags will cost just over 1/3 as much as they have previously. The system is many times faster than the current system, much easier to use, and requires much less repetition of tasks. Susanne motioned that we purchase the OBC system, Donn seconded it, and it was voted in. Pat proposed a budget of \$1000 for everything we will need; Susanne seconded that motion, and it too was voted in unanimously.

**Graduation Date** has been confirmed with the Heritage Center for November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Meetings:** The date is set for the Planning Meeting (seductively—and misleadingly— referred to as the “Retreat”) for October 27th. No meeting in August was confirmed, and no *Grapevine* for August as well.

**The Ending:** Tom motioned for adjournment, Pat seconded the motion, and the meeting evaporated at 11:51 a.m.



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