

**The President called the meeting to order  
at 10:10 am, on 12/05/18**

<b>Donn Callaham</b>	<b>Pat Fritz</b>	Ruth Estrada
Terry Hart	<b>Nancy Woodworth</b>	Gail Price
<b>Susanne Beukema</b>	Polly Blum	Michael O'Loughlin
<b>Carol Parks</b>	Marilyn MacGregor	<b>Tom Canales</b>
<b>Rita Canales</b>	Linda Mason	Alan Wenner
Gene Nesbitt	Gail Stoltz (partial)	Linda Coakley

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Secretary's notes for November:** Rita motioned the notes for November be approved, Susanne seconded, and thus it became so.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carol has not been able to complete the Treasurer's Report because she is the victim of an ongoing internet problem, and cannot access internet. She may have some changes to the notes when she's finally able to get back on line. As always, she will submit all paperwork asap. The audit will take place on Saturday the 12th of January, 2019.

**President-elect Report:** (First one for Rita). Rita said that people have been voicing concern that the Master Gardeners are using non-recyclable and non-compostable plastic plates, cups, and utensils for events. So, industrious woman that she is, she researched biodegradable products, compared types and prices, and even procured samples for us to inspect. (All of these are compostable, and the utensils are made from sugar cane!) Though these are much more expensive than the plastic products, most people at the meeting seemed to be strongly in favor of using them, since we are supposed to be setting an example for the public. Alan wanted to know if the cutlery is self-turning in compost piles. We presume not. A cost/benefit analysis will be done before purchase.

**Jade Report:** There are now 21 people signed up for the 2019 MG classes, which is similar to other years. Two of them, however, have paid extra and will not become YCMGA active members. There are only 4 more openings for new students./**Announcements:** Yamhill County Fairgrounds is looking for participants in their newly-

formed "Holiday Light Show" competition at the fairgrounds. They want sponsors, a supply of food, and laborers to hang lights. All agreed that it was way too late (5 days after the event had already begun) to participate this year, and that there would be a chance of our considering it next year.

**Education/Outreach Committee:** First meeting will be in January 2019: nothing new is going on now.

**OMGA Reps.:** Nancy reported, as Tonia was unable to attend. The OMGA newsletter editor (Marcia Sherry) has a strong need for more articles for the *Gardeners' Pen*. OMGA is looking for locations to host 2019 BOD meetings, and will pay the hosting chapter \$300 for supplies. All officers have been elected, except for a First Vice President (who coordinates Mini-College and would be the 2020 President). Eric Bosler is the president for 2019. Kathryn Johnson (who has been treasurer for 12 years!) has found a replacement for her position. She will no longer work with the state group, but will continue with her local chapter. Nancy attended the OMGA fourth quarter meeting (in November, 2018) where Gail Langelotto spoke about the new "Best Management Practices" but at the end of the meeting the timeline for it was mired in fog. Nancy promised to push for more specific information on this at the next OMGA meeting she attends. There is a new legal requirement for all Master Gardener Volunteers: we can no longer become violent while on duty or at meetings. (Presumably least are no holds barred when off duty). Tom adamantly declared that verbal violence cannot be considered *real* violence, but he was ignored.

Good news re: G2—the name of the event has been returned to "Mini-College" because of the nebulosity of the name "G2." It will be held October 18 and 19 in Bend at the Riverhouse Resort. No dorm rooms will be available: the choices will be hotel rooms, or camping. This year there will be fewer speakers, but they will be "Big Name" (quasi-famous) ones the first day, with tours and workshops the second day. OMGA retreat will be at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest in Clackamas County on December 10th and 11th. There Mini-College and any

other priorities will be discussed, so if MGs have anything they want discussed, they need to bring it to the attention of Nancy or Tonia instantly. The 2019 International Master Gardener Conference will be held in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

**McMinnville Community Garden:** The garden is closed down, and the spinach is slow (in growing). Alan and Mike are building/providing cedar harvest baskets for use by gardeners, in an effort to make harvesting even easier. Planting will begin in February.

**Web /publicity:** Tom is now working on registration for Spring into Gardening. Tom is quite concerned that he is the only person able to work on our website, making him the weak link in the process. He therefore is suggesting that YCMGA have a paid professional design and operate our website, so there is always someone available. He spoke with Amanda Greene, who has done the (attractive) website for Yamhill County Soil & Water Conservation District. Her estimate for a YCMGA website is in the neighborhood of \$1500, and any service after setup at \$35. per hour. The original cost would include training for MGs, and after construction the site should be run by our members. Tom would stay involved: the new site would use "Wordpress" which is a common and accessible format in wide use. The plan is to delve further into this after SIG registration is complete.

**Seed to Supper:** The program is wrapping up for 2018, having 115 participants this year. The raised beds and containers have been built or purchased; most go to individual homes, but in Sheridan they will be in a community garden. The 2018 supplemental budget was used to purchase supplies, and Hampton Lumber and Recology both made donations of materials. There is still enough material in stock for 15 more raised beds. As with Tom and the website, Gene is concerned that the program is too dependent on him, and would not sustain itself without him. He is aiming to organize the program to be more reliant on multiple people.

**Mentoring Committee:** The mentoring teams are now set up, and there are plenty of alternates. The committee is

now working on Mentor Binder content. The months and dates are unclear for the schedule for BOD introductions, the Job Fair, the visit to the greenhouse, the Plant Sale presentation, and other events not covered by the class schedule from Heather. After much discussion, Pat asked Gail to send a written copy of the final schedule to clarify all events: They will not be listed anywhere until the board receives the written timetable.

**Perennial Propagation:** Plants are in the greenhouse, and the bareroot plants have been ordered. Some new carts or hand trucks have been purchased.

**Spring into Gardening:** All 12 speakers have been chosen and verified, along with completion of schedules and sponsors. Publicity will begin January first. There will be a 3' x 5' banner for Wilco displayed at the fairgrounds, in exchange for a donation from Wilco of \$200 *more* than the original \$100 offered.

**Annual Propagation:** Order for plants is ready to go, schedule for the greenhouse for 2019 is finished, and seeding will begin on February 12th.

**Plant Sale:** Prices this year are being raised: plants that have been historically sold for \$1.25 will be \$1.50; prices on all other plants will be raised 50 cents.

**Unfinished Business:** Liability insurance of \$500,000 for board members will take effect January first. Board meetings for 2019 will still be on the second Wednesday of each month, 10am in the Public Works Auditorium. All dates have been reserved. As usual, November will be graduation. Pat proposed that the Planning Meeting (on a Saturday) be in October, Donn seconded, and everyone agreed.

**New Business:** Regrettably, Polly informed us that at the end of 2019 she will retire from doing hospitality, and she needs someone who is willing to take on the responsibilities. She needs to begin training the person asap. Jade will send out a notice, and it will be in the *Grapevine* and

on the website. Polly did promise that the Hospitality person will be well-loved by members, and pointed out that youth is needed for this spot.

The division of labor on the Demonstration Gardens was mentioned: Cynthia and Jennifer have volunteered to do barrels and annuals, Sue Nesbitt is in charge of roses, and Gail will do perennial beds. A chairperson is needed. Polly reminded us that the history of the gardens is one of change, so people have a great deal of latitude re: how they set up their fiefdoms. On another topic, It was generally agreed that the only effective way to retain trainees was with face-to-face personal interaction, primarily by mentors. Forms, surveys, and emails are impersonal and therefore ineffectual.

**Grapevine newsletter:** Donn is beseeching everyone for contributions to the newsletter. In November, there was one contributor besides the editor. Research is not needed: people can write about person-

al horticultural experiences, tours or visits, their own problems/solutions. Pat suggested each committee chair write just one article per year re: their activity; Cathy suggested little bios with photos of our members each month.. There is also the possibility of making the newsletter much shorter, though it has to be in 4-page increments.

**THE TRANSFER OF POWER:** At 11:55 am Pat Fritz ceremoniously relinquished the gavel and an impressive embossing seal to Rita Canales, the new president. To thank Ms. Fritz, Rita honored Pat with a squirrel tee shirt and a steel squirrel silhouette.

**At 11:55 am** Tom moved that the meeting be adjourned; Susanne seconded the motion, and thus the meeting came to an end.

*Donn Callaham, YCMGA Secretary*

*December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018*



***Don't let your garden tools look like this at season's end!***