

YCMGA Board Meeting Minutes

February 13th 2019

**The President called the meeting to order
at 10:02 am, on 2/13/19**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda Mason	Alan Wenner	Sue Nesbitt
Donn Callaham	Pat Fritz	Ruth Estrada
Terry Hart	Nancy Woodworth	Gail Price
Susanne Beukema	Polly Blum	Carol Parks
Marilyn MacGregor	Rita Canales	Linda Coakley
Becky Karver		

Secretary's notes for December: Susanne motioned approval, Carol seconded, all voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report: All financial reports have been sent to officers, and we now have 70 members who have renewed. 59 people have signed up and paid for attendance at Spring Into Gardening, 31 of whom are Master Gardeners. Some people have been making out 2 checks, one for SIG and one for membership, and Carol would prefer they write just one check, since she is all the employees in our financial department. As far as financial recording goes, dues paid by lifetime members (who are not required to pay dues any more) are recorded as contributions rather than dues. YCMGA still pays \$7 to OMGA for every member, whether or not the member pays dues to YCMGA. Lifetime members need to notify Carol of their esteemed status. *Now here is a legal statement:* "motion was made and approved to change the bank authorization as follows: Pat Fritz (Past President) and Nancy Woodworth (former President-Elect) are to be removed from the list of Mater Gardeners who have authority to sign checks and have online access to bank accounts. Rita Canales, President (Past President-Elect) will continue to have authority to sign checks and have online access to bank accounts. Susanne Beukema, President-Elect, will be added as a Master Gardener, who has the authority to sign checks and have online access to bank accounts". Members planning to go to the international MG conference in Pennsylvania are now Gene, Marcia, and Becky. Donn (after being prompted by Carol) made the motion to reduce the mini-college budget from \$1600 to \$500 (because there will be no mini-college this year). Nancy seconded that, and everyone approved. Happy news: the audit for 2018 was completed and all appeared to be in order.

President-elect report was very brief: we should set mission-aligned goals for 2019.

Heather-in-absentia report: We will now be using a program called "Teamup" for *all* online signups (for volunteering). Jade is setting this up. Exceptions will be the Plant Sale and Spring into Gardening, both of which will continue to use physical signups on real touchable paper, within a palpable notebook. Volunteers will be needed to man and woman the MG desk on a rotating basis. Gene (being the overachiever that he is) of course will be in charge of this, and he is being assisted by Marilyn and Susanne.

Awards committee: Nancy Woodworth is still updating the plaques on the wall, and changing the divisions due to the change in requirements for lifetime membership. Cost of changing and replacing plaques is no object: this is considered by many a crucial part of the adventure of being a Master Gardener.

Education/outreach Committee: This committee is now working on planning 2019 clinics. A new program will consist of speakers at the Community Garden, one per month on the 4th Saturday of each month. The speakers will be Alan, Heather, Anna, and Janet from "Incahoots." These educational events will be advertised to both the public and MG's. An ice cream social is planned at Donn Callaham's and Nancy Woodworth's farm, and will include cowpie bingo, hayrides, and the ceremonial exhuming of decaying underwear.

McMinnville Community Garden: The Garden will begin functioning early March. Mac Power and Light did not approve running a water line to the garden, so the possibility of renovating the current well is being discussed with the landowner. Estimated cost would be \$5000.

OMGA Reps.: Quarterly meeting will be March first and second, in Marion County.

Web/Publicity: SIG promotion is now in effect: TV stations and newspapers are being contacted, and MG newsletter editors of nearby counties are receiving promotional information. There will be a promotional table for the Plant Sale at SIG, and plant sale promo will begin as soon as SIG is done. First draft of our new website has been completed. The current logo is extremely expensive to print (many colors), makes very little sense, and is utterly cryptic to most viewers. Also, Copy Cabana owns rights to the old one, mak-

ing it even more expensive to use.

Seed to Supper: The committee has met with all sponsors. The volunteer fair did produce volunteers for the program, and the structure will be changed to be similar to that of the Plant Sale: various subcommittees under the Seed to Supper committee, to better distribute the work. YCAP is no longer willing to sponsor, so another organization is sought for McMinnville. The sponsors have differing responsibilities: some places the Master Gardeners do only the teaching, in others MG's do all the planning and peripheral work, and in some the extension agent organizes it. It is not an OSU program, but the Oregon Food Bank must approve of the sponsor; no church can be a sponsor.

Mentoring Committee: The volunteer fair(s) were successful, and a public "thank you" was given the group.

Perennial Propagation: Planting bare-root is about to begin.

Scholarship Committee: Applications are being received. There was a discussion re: can the scholarship be used for a Canadian university. At the end, Carol motioned that the scholarships be usable at any accredited university in the United States or Canada. Donn seconded the motion, and the board voted to approve the change.

Spring onto Gardening: All publicity has been distributed, and everything is ready to go. There will be a final meeting on March 3rd; people are being asked to sign up in the notebook to help on the day of the event.

SIG Raffle: In charge of this project are Nancy, Tonia, Jennifer, and Cynthia. At this point they have 45 filled theme baskets, not counting the more expensive items being donated by wineries and others. The group is planning on meeting again to condense the baskets down to about 25, which people feel is a maximum desirable number.

Plant Sale Committee: Artwork is finalized, and (*celebration applicable here...*) the contract with the fairground staff has been finalized and signed by all!

Policies and Procedures Committee: Tom is working on a colossal compendium of all the jobs of all the committees,

describing in meticulous detail their responsibilities and organization. Included will be a succinct job description, an exhaustive job description, and a compendium of tasks to complete, month by month. There are still some positions left to include, including clarification of board member responsibilities. "Box Edit" will be used for everything in the interest of uniformity. Tom is advertising for some people to help by being responsible for the information for 2 or 3 committees each.

Unfinished Business: Board member liability insurance contract has been signed and paid for 2019.

The Plastic Saga: Susanne told us that Styrofoam recycling began at the end of December, but that the recycling company employees were unaware of it. Gloria Lutz is now working with Zero Waste McMinnville, and would like to have a booth at SIG (which would be very welcome). As far as planting pots go, they are not recyclable but we do reuse them until they are ratty. *People are asked to NOT leave pots at the greenhouse for MG use.* Polly stated that she will, of course, use up all the plastic items we now have in stock, but will then purchase only items which can be recycled, or at least are biodegradable.

Fairgrounds Demo Garden Reorganization: A coordinator for the garden is needed; Gail firmly reminded us that she soon will no longer be chairing the committee. Plans are to have people "adopt" a part of the garden, as described in last month's report. Cynthia and Jennifer will do an annual garden, Sue (who needs 3 healthy helpers) the roses, and the perennial bed and pavilion need curators. Gail emphasized that this year there will be *no major changes*, just upkeep and planning for next year.

A Considerable Request: A local men's homeless shelter asked YCMGA to possibly plan, grade, plant, and maintain their 3 properties with landscaping, gardens, an orchard, and a chef's garden. We eagerly declined the offer, and instead will offer to teach the residents how to do the work themselves. It's definitely a job for a large commercial landscaping company.

24 MG aprons have been ordered, and now come in a slightly darker green than previously. However, the cost has actually gone *down*, for a net (and list) price of \$11. each.