

YCMGA Board Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2019

The President called the meeting to order at 10:00am, on 5/8/2019

IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda Mason	Polly Blum	Carol Parks
Rita Canales	Linda Coakley	Ruth Estrada
Tonia Beebe	Alan Wenner	Virginia Galt
Marilyn MacGregor	Susanne Beukema	Tom Canales
Nancy Woodworth	Terry Hart	Gail Price

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

Treasurer's Report: Carol reported that gross income from the Plant Sale was approx. \$32,000. Booth rental was not included in this figure as well as "Square" fees. Payment was 50% cash and 50% checks. One of our customers had an issue with PayPal's charge on her credit card, but between her and Carol it was straightened out. Community Garden received \$2000 when we finalized our 2019 budget and end of 2018 with the understanding they would receive an additional \$3000 after the Plant Sale. Motion made by Tonia to advance the C. Garden \$3000. Seconded by Gail. Approved. Treasurer has received \$150 as a memorial to Doris Crimmons. Polly has received \$190 for the same. She and Gail will plant spring flower bulbs on Doris and her husbands graves in the fall. Any funds left over will be donated to YCMGA.

President Elect Report: No report

Heather report: No report

Correspondence: Received a thank you card from Janice Stoven of the Mac. Garden Club. Polly reported that Lloyd Nisley passed away recently. He was active in YCMGA, holding Treasurer's position.

Awards Committee: Nancy reported that OMGA awards for County MG of the Year, County Behind The Scenes, State Behind The Scenes have been submitted to Heather. She will forward to Gail L. Nancy will find out when the Awards Committee will find out the results. Tom said he would like Cristiana's son, Josh, as well as Mike Knutz and his 4-H kids to get a recognition for their hard work at the Plant Sale. Susanne said the Plant Sale Committee already is working on that.

Education/Outreach Committee: Committee is meeting Friday, May 10 and will report next month.

Grapevine: Nancy said that Donn gets no feedback on

the content of the Grapevine and is feeling frustrated. A show of hands of who does read it was unanimous. Tom said he relies on the Grapevine for information for our webpage. "Meet the Master Gardener" feature is a hit and suggestions were made to alternate trainees with veterans.

McMinnville Community Garden: Their last contribution to YCAP was 84 lb. of herbs & tomatoes. Mon./Wed./Fri. nights they are working with their gardeners to plant tomatoes. Yamhill County Mental Health group just planted their plants. On 5/25 Anna will be teaching her vegetable class. Linda M. will contact Jade for a notice reminding people of their special classes since the last event only drew (2) people.

OMGA representatives: The month of June will offer another OMGA BOD meeting & Leadership class in Roseburg.

Web & Publicity: Wonderful articles in the *News Register & Newberg Graphic* about Plant Sale, and it was published timely. Kathleen Brown somehow got through the blocking that Tom constantly encountered at both papers. Tom would like Donn to be able to place the current Grapevine on the new website.

Seed to Supper: Marilyn gave us an update. 4 spring classes have finished. Reorganization is starting beginning with a steering committee to discuss the restructure. This needs to be done since up to now Gene has done everything and he is phasing out. Soon they will have a debriefing meeting with the facilitators. YCAP has contacted us, saying they may be interested in sponsoring us again. Oregon Food Bank is the originator of the program and has strict requirements for a sponsor. In the past YCAP did not fulfill their requirements. We have a list of requirements to give to YCAP. The Yamhill County Extension Office may be our new sponsor. Heather will be writing grants soon to help support this program.

Mentoring Committee: They are meeting monthly now. They want to be sure the mentors are keeping in contact with the mentees.

Perennial Propagation: Ruth has found (2) new sources of hydrangeas. Some requests for next year from the Plant Sale was trees. Clematis may be added next year. Ruth provided a (3) page "Perennial Propagation Coordinator" hand out detailing the job requirements. She is not available for this position next year. It requires a weekly commitment. She will be the Chair, and would

like a Co-Chair. Lengthy discussion of her document. Jobs will be assigned to others so the Chair isn't responsible for everything. "Grower & Educator" should be together. This position will entail cuttings & a small lesson each Tuesday. "Tag" category should be it's own committee. Patti Gregory has chosen not be involved next year. Certain herbs are difficult to grow—sages, thyme, mint, rosemary due to weather and require much hand labor. She would like to substitute something else. All these issues to be discussed next week with Plant Sale Committee. Ruth requested \$200 for a deposit to hold hosta plants for 2020 Plant Sale. Request approved.

Annual Propagation Committee: Linda C. had nothing to report. Susanne told her "don't quit!" Bok Choy seed packets apparently were filled with wrong seed as they developed into a mustard-like plant.

Plant Sale Committee: De-briefing meeting for the last weekend in May. MG holding area was an issue with the public because they felt we got the "best plants" before the sale opened. That issue is on their meeting agenda.

Policies & Procedures Committee: Virginia is creating a "reimbursement form" to make purchase reimbursements easier for Carol to deal with. Will have BOD approve the final form.

Job Descriptions: Tom reported there are (47) job descriptions listed in BOX. Susanne is the desk captain for sign-ups. Nancy needs to do the Photographer position.

Reorganization of Demo Gardens at Fairgrounds: Gail P. will finish out 2019. Sue Nesbitt & Susanne will be chairpersons for 2020. The fairgrounds is removing the antique tractor in front of Wiser Pavilion and planting an unknown variety of tree, and GRASS! There will be a picnic table there. Susanne talked repeatedly to fairground staff about MG's being willing to landscape it. Always "NO". What will they do when the grass won't grow under this new tree?

Fairgrounds Setup for Plant Sale: We paid \$400 for the fairgrounds staff to setup Leslie Lewis building. Committee was very unhappy with what we got for our money. The tables weren't set up, the ones they had available were not heavy-duty enough to hold so many plants. The kitchen was filthy. Partitions were not available because we were told there were too many chairs stacked against them. Susanne said this was not true. The reader board along the highway was to advertise our sale on Tuesday. It appeared on Thursday. Setup was the responsibility of

Dwight and the inmates. Dwight is paid by the Dept. of Corrections and Gary has no authority over him. Dwight and the boys did not follow the diagram that we gave him as to where placement should be. Considerable discussion as to our options. Conclusion: Susanne will meet with Gary & Lacy to present concerns. Follow-up with a letter covering their discussion. If our concerns are not addressed satisfactorily, will contact Board of Commissioner liaison.

Next Meeting: June 12

Adjournment : Susanne motioned to adjourn.

Carol seconded. 12:05PM

