

YCMGA Board Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2019

**The President called the meeting to order
at 10:03 am, on 6/12/2019**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda Mason	Polly Blum	Carol Parks
Rita Canales	Linda Coakley	Ruth Estrada
Tonia Beebe	Pat Fritz	Virginia Galt
Marilyn MacGregor	Susanne Beukema	Tom Canales
Nancy Woodworth	Terry Hart	Sue Nesbitt

YCMGA Scholarship winners were introduced: Steven (OSU forestry), Clay (Bend, natural resources ed.), Alba (not present, to McGill University, from Delphian), Corinne (OSU horticulture).

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

Treasurer's Report: Reports are out, YCMGA has about \$60K at present. Gross from the plant sale was \$33K, but we do not have a net. A \$500 check to reserve the Community Center has not been cashed (normal procedure) so is corrected in the books.

President-Elect report: Susanne reported that the "rose sawfly" has appeared, eating only roses, and leaving a "window-pane" pattern on leaves. Watch for it!

Heather Report: Mentor committee needs to contact trainees who have inadequate hours to graduate, and encourage them to get to work. Jade will provide hours for all trainees. At the Community Garden there was a tour and project for which 14 trainees signed up: not a single one came. Not a real harbinger of success...

Awards Committee: Nominations have been made for 2 chapter (county) and one state award. The results will be announced at the ice cream social on August third. We found that there is no consistency whatever for how and when chapters announce awards, i.e. no guidelines.

Education/Outreach Committee: Ruta did a splendid job at Edwards Elementary, helping kids plant 90 pots of marigolds and beans. The setup was exemplary, and many parents worked with the kids planting. The clinic at Kramer's Garden Center was also very productive. The location in the store was excellent. The Willamette Valley Lavender Festival in Newberg has been contemplated, but YCMGA will not participate this year. That's because it requires participation for all day Saturday & Sunday, and we don't have the staffing this year. We'll try in

2020.

Community Garden: There was a message from Alan: he unilaterally has decided to keep the income from Saturday classes for the garden. No one defied him (which is usually the case). The vegetable class had 10 participants—a good number. The community garden lesson on plant varieties was popular and well-attended.

With the focus on low-water-needs plants the water situation is now fine. (Hoses are not allowed at the garden as they waste water). Saturday work hours are now being staggered to accommodate the large number of participants (29 last time). Hours are 9 to 11, and 10 to 12. Seven families are registered for the kids' garden. The garden leaders have to hound a number of participants to maintain their gardens as planting is popular but weeding is not... If the crops aren't picked on time they are given to YCAP. (Each bed is identified by letter and number as to owner, or YCAP). This year to date 805 pounds of produce have gone to YCAP, and the big news is that the garden is purchasing a shop vacuum to suck up errant bugs. Fate of sucked-up bugs was not disclosed.

OMGA Reps: Tonia attended the 2-day conference and found it very productive. There was an enlightening presentation on home protection from fire by using proper landscaping techniques: we hope to get a video of the talk to share with YCMGA members. Articles about chapter activities and accomplishments (and disasters) are needed for the *Gardeners' Pen* newsletter. It was brought up that chapter reps. (along with some other members, we presume) have no idea why OMGA exists. Since the primary function was having mini-college (which does not exist right now), why have it? Communications among OSU, extension agents, and OMGA are poor. So an OMGA "Roadshow" is needed, travelling from chapter to chapter. Sue and Eric did that in Umatilla, staying overnight at hosts' homes, having dinner, and talking over the issues. Suggestions were: a need for outreach to chapters; mini-college ideas; help with seminars and classes; help other chapters attend meetings; for mini-college more hands-on classes; half-day classes; using a professional event planter. It is desired that more people attend OMGA meetings. Nancy copied an article by Sue published a year ago in the *Grapevine* newsletter describing the role of OMGA. It will be published again.

Spring Into Gardening: Tom long ago had asked for \$500 to purchase a projector for use at SIG, and was waiting. He was startled to find that it had been allotted, and a projector was being ordered. Next meeting will be Sep-

tember 9, 2019.

Seed-to Supper: The committee is in the throes of reorganization. There will be no fall classes for 2019; Newberg Spanish and McMinnville Spanish classes have been cancelled, but there were 4 classes with a total of 47 students. Timing of classes may be bad as they are weekday mornings, and in the spring. Facilitators now consist of 8 veteran Master Gardeners and 6 trainees. YCAP is promising to be involved as a sponsor, which it has been doing for 3 years but with no real action. There is a new director, but the person responsible for this is still very much the same: YCAP is supposed to be doing half the work of Seed-to-Supper, but is doing none. If YCAP doesn't come through (very probable) Heather will need to take over.

Perennial Propagation: Because of excessive heat work in propagation in the summer will begin at 8 am. Cuttings of shrubs from Michael have been cut and are growing. Benton County chapter will be visiting here on June 26th for a tour and lesson on making cuttings. Patti has been doing talks and hands-on classes, and plans to continue.

Annual Propagation: Shade-cloth has been installed to cover the greenhouse, thanks to the remarkable muscle power of Susanne. A new efficient fan has been installed and the carts are removed from the greenhouse to keep their tires from deteriorating too rapidly.

Plant Sale Committee: A wrap-up meeting has been held. People have floated the idea of having a presale exclusively for YCMGA members, but a lot of "what-ifs" were brought up, and a decision has not yet been made. It's the first-shift people who don't get a chance to shop, so perhaps they could shop on Thursday, with limitations on their purchases. A lengthy discussion followed. It has been decided to combine holding areas next year, as an MG holding area confused and annoyed customers.

Policies and Procedures: Virginia has created a reimbursement form, but some feel it may be too involved. OMGA has a new form for this: perhaps we could use that. Often people want the money for a purchase before making the purchase (particularly on expensive items); that will be decided after the September OMGA meeting.

Job Descriptions: A list of jobs and who does each has been made: those listed in *red* have still not been done by their respective chiefs. Also job descriptions need to be completed, often by the same people. Tom firmly asked people to *stabilize* themselves before describing positions, as there are many opinions floating about and not

enough clear information.

Unfinished Business: Polly is taking over Doris Crimmins job of supervising all plant (flower, vegetable, etc.) intakes at the Yamhill County Fair, and would like some help beyond that of the garden club. Also, NWREC is having an open house at an undisclosed time in July, which would be a popular event with Master Gardeners.

Plant Sale Update: The fairgrounds have been reserved for the first weekend in May (unless someone with more money wants it then). Listed in the last months minutes were all the jobs the fairground staff was supposed to do in preparation for the plant sale, but did not do. This year many promises were made by the fairgrounds personnel for next year, but no refunds were offered or made for the services not rendered.

Adjournment: Carol motioned for adjournment, Susanne seconded, and everyone promptly evacuated at 12:09 pm.

