

YCMGA Board Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2019

Susanne Beukema, sitting in for Rita Canales, called the meeting to order at 10:00 PRECISELY .

IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda Coakley	Gail Price	Carol Parks
Tonia Beebe	Susanne Beukema	Polly Blum
Nancy Woodworth	Sue Nesbitt	Cathy Burdett
Gene Nesbitt	Linda Mason	Tom Canales
Carolyn Nyquist	Donn Callaham	Becky Karver

Secretary's notes for July: The Secretary himself motioned approval of the minutes, and Carol seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Reports have already been emailed to board members. Carol discussed the issue of expenses for events such as the plant sale overlapping from year to year, making it impossible to determine precise net and gross. There will be a discussion at the Planning Meeting (former the deceptively-titled "Retreat") of possible solutions to this problem. Some MGs turn in a receipt, which can easily be lost. At the October Board Meeting, we will discuss requiring a reimbursement form to be submitted and whether the change the language in the financial policy from "documentation" to "receipt". For them, a MANDATORY form will be discussed and possibly created. There is *still* a problem with the IRS not recognizing YCMGA as a non-profit entity: Patrice filed the taxes under the old tax i.d. number because the new number was refused by the IRS. The new i.d. number is on the IRS website, but the name of our organization is not.

President-elect Report: Susanne Beukema, though *acting* as a real President, gave the report. The lengthy email from Gail Langelotto was discussed, and a copy will be sent to all members, as it contains information pertinent to all members. The custom of referring to old-time Master Gardeners as "Veteran" MG's has brought up by an organization called "Boots-to-Roots" which is for military veterans. (They feel our term is confusing). Per Gail Langelotto suggestions for a replacement are being collected, or the term could just be abolished by OMGA. The secretary offered "certified" as a substitute, but was firmly informed that not all MG's are certified. On a different topic, MG's can now get credit for reading hort. research articles. (No credits for *Sunset* magazine and its ilk). The reader will be allowed one hour of credit per article (so being a slow reader will not be a benefit) and must fill out a form and make a "book report" on the article to get the credit. Carla will confer with Heather, to

see if she accepts the new OSU policy. We also received 4 thank-you cards from 4H kids for our support for some of their awards. A fourth-grader dressed up her broccoli and won Peoples' Choice "Best-Dressed Vegetable" award, and a senior received the first trophy of her life, and is "estatic" to be able to go to the state fair.

Heather Report: Heather was not present: instead she sent Carla to get a good look at us.

Awards Committee: Tonia reported the awards given at the August ice cream social, and we agreed that they should also be announced at the upcoming Graduation, along with the names of "length-of-service" awardees.

Education-Outreach Committee: The committee has not met recently because of a temporarily-crippled member: the ice cream social and lei-making events were both very popular and successful.

Community Garden: So far this year the Community Garden has donated over 10,000 pounds of produce to YCAP. The tomato-tasting event went very well, and attracted a large number of community members. Fall and winter vegetables are being planted, and the rest of the beds are being set up with floating row covers (to protect the compost, and help lessen weeds and insects in spring). Gail will meet with the Oregon Food Bank re: partnering with the Community Garden.

OMGA Reps: Tonia reported on the last OMGA meeting where the presentation was "Earth Warm." However, it turned out to be a narrative about the speaker himself, and less informative than hoped. There was also talk about the lawsuits against the U.S. government re: inaction on climate change, which we could join. A new editor is needed for the *Gardeners' Pen*, plus a new vice-president and people who would like to be members of the 2020 Mini-college committee.

Mini-College Survey: Sue related that she received over 50 ideas for classes and activities for 2020. People want to keep the cost low, but are willing to pay more if necessary. OSU is the preferred venue, where we could use a greenhouse for classes. Tours and the collections at OSU are popular; dorm rooms, rv parking, and camping spots will be available. It will take place 6/26, 6/27, or 7/25. Volunteers have been procured for a steering committee to plan for the 2020 event.

Hospitality: No hospitality going on at present.

Seed-to-Supper is now on “pause.” YCAP is helping somewhat; the reorganization is proceeding and succeeding; 10 people are now helping with the reorganization. The plant-container-at-homes program will continue, and there will be one fall class in McMinnville (English). The Food Bank is shifting its priorities from all people with food insecurity, to a focus on only those groups which have been objects of discrimination. S-S may split from the organization because of the changed focus. However, there is now some support from YCAP, as the person in charge of interaction with Seed-to-Supper (Diane) has now been allocated a specific amount of time to spend with the group. New facilitators are needed who speak Spanish, and food preservation classes will be added.

Spring Into Gardening: who is recommitting to the committee’s work is now being determined. The first meeting is December 19th at 10 am at Carol’s house .

Perennial Propagation: Soil has been delivered; there are enough people now to operate the program. 14% of cuttings died, but more record-keeping is taking effect, so that the group will better know what to expect in survival rates.

Plant Sale Committee: A budget meeting is being set up, and the current members all agree that they do not want to expand the scope of the sale.

Policies & Procedures: Sue was the only member present, and informed us that she knows nothing.

Job Descriptions Committee: Almost all job descriptions have been received; the exception is the Seed-to-Supper group, which still needs to supply the needed information. Other job descriptions which have not been received are: desk captain, propagation inventory, and herbarium.

Fall Planning Session will be October 26th and will include the usual short board meeting. Requests for money for activities/projects are needed *before* the meeting.

Graduation will take place this year at the Dayton Community Center, primarily because the former venue (Heritage Center) has raised prices, and OSU will not pay the required amount. The Dayton Community center is a new and excellent facility, and dramatically underpriced. It has been reserved for 2019 graduation; Tom suggested we push for a 10-year contract at the current prices.

Nominating Committee is tasked with nominating people to be on the Board of Directors in the future. They always futilely hope that people may volunteer or at least ex-

press an interest in serving on the board. **NOMINATIONS ARE NEEDED BEFORE NOVEMBER 22ND!** In reality, Tom and Nancy will have to scour the membership, pick people who are active and motivated, and try to convince them to take on a job. Ideally, this years trainees will become the board members of the future. There was a discussion re: how long a term of enlistment should be for president (differing between one and two years). However, the by-laws state that it is a one-year commitment, and that is what we must follow. That still means that the president, president-elect, and past president each still have 3-year obligations. This year trainees have not gotten the needed hours to graduate, in spite of numerous opportunities. Someone suggested that availability of evening hours may help, but that was tried several years ago and was a bust. Perhaps classes could be offered on weekends or nights, rather than during workdays.

Committee budgets *must be submitted to Carol before October 26.*

Utensils that will Rot: Polly has found a source for eating utensils made from corn starch, which are listed as being easily biodegradable. The price of \$21.40 for 500 is close to the price of plastic, but of course the current plastic stock must be used before buying new. A short discussion followed of *how* we should dispose of them; Gail suggested that when done using them, we could eat them.

Fall Planning Meeting and potluck will take place on October 26th. Gene suggested that it be publicized to all members to get them involved, and to get ideas. The entire time will not be just budget discussion: we should reserve half of the day for a discussion of activities. Apparently the “Retreat” used to be held at the local sewage treatment plant, a most appropriate location.

Conclusion: At 11:44 Tonia motioned to end the meeting and Carol seconded the motion. At 11:45 it was so.

