

Rita Canales called the meeting to order at 9:59 am.

<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>		
Gail Price	Carol Parks	Susanne Beukema
Polly Blum	Nancy Woodworth	Gene Nesbitt
Linda Mason	Amy Curtis	Donn Callaham
Rita Canales	Cat Bowdish	Linda Coakley
Alan Wenner	Pat Fritz	Terry Hart
Gin Galt	Heather Stoven	

Secretary's minutes for November: Susanne motioned approval of the minutes, and Carol seconded the motion. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Reports have already been emailed to board members. Financial reports also on paper at meeting.

Heather Report: Replies have been received re: evaluating the graduation. People agreed that the venue was excellent, and it will be reserved for 2020 as well. Suggestion was made to have it on a Saturday at about lunchtime, rather than during the evening, and most people seemed to agree on this. The problem with evening is that many MG's aren't comfortable with driving at night, so we really don't want them on the roads then. Heather will try to reserve the venue for Saturday, November 14th, 2020.

There are 24 people signed up for the MG classes now. In order to attract more trainees, Heather is considering lessening required hours. Now at 65 hours, she is proposing a change to 56 hours required: 28 on clinics/desk, and 28 other hours. The hope is this might improve retention and graduation rates. Time of day was also discussed, to attract *unretired* people. The availability of online classes will be publicized; usually there are about 5 students per year who stay actively involved in YCMGA.

Gift certificates are available, and by the time of this meeting none had been sold. However, a number of them were sold on Friday, 12/13.

Garden Education Project (formerly Seed to Supper) has been named "**Garden to Table.**" From now on it will be referred to as such in all discussions. We were all curious what the "prize" would be for Rita, who originated the name. However, the people in charge of this were very cagey, and none of us ever found out.

Instructors are working on the curriculum, hoping to have it completed by mid-January. Marketing and site

selection should also be done in January, with up to 5 classes this spring. YCAP personnel are working on the nutrition and preservation components. Mentors will be expected to make 3-4 home visits annually. How to structure the program for recertification hours is in the pipeline.

Awards Committee was praised lavishly for the quality, promptness, and planning of awards.

Education/Outreach Committee is vegetating at the moment. It will now cost \$50 for a booth at the Camelia Festival (formerly free); this amount was approved to be added to committee budget.

Minnville Community Garden: In January, staff will begin (in a greenhouse) the plants for 2020. Vegetables are now growing, emphasizing broccoli and radishes. YCAP needs will be a priority, but there will be no Children's Gardens this year. Instead there will be Family Gardens, as Children's Gardens were not successful. There will be a strong push for trainees to earn their hours **before October** (when procrastinators are desperate, but nothing is happening).

OMGA: Polly reported that Mini-College is now being actively planned for Thursday, 7/23. It should cost \$49 for early registration, and \$59 for late registration. Chair people are still needed for:

- Tours
- Workshops
- Send-a-Friend
- Raffle
- Silent Auction
- Friday Banquet

With the cutbacks in OSU funding, there will be a problem in replacing Extension personnel. It was suggested we might begin a letter-writing campaign to people who might be able to change this.

OMGA might purchase an umbrella liability policy that would cover all the chapters, but it would not cover Board of Directors liability. There is still a need for President-elect and vice president volunteers. For 2020, the focus will be on 1)advocating for extension; 2)educational content; 3) skills/contacts; and 4) liability and pertinent laws for nonprofits.

Finally, YCMGA must collectively decide by March first

whether or not we want to have a display and/or sell items at mini-college.

What are we to call the Master Gardeners who are or are not certified? (This question brought up previously: see Secretary's notes). Rather than refer to "Veteran Master Gardeners" we will, if we remember, refer to them as "Certified Master Gardeners." Heather will change the use of terms, and members are to as well.

Mentoring Committee is finalizing the calendar and plans for a "Job Fair" on January 30th (which is not yet on a calendar). To the trainees they will emphasize earning of hours at the Community Garden **before October**. There is nothing to do at the garden that late in the year. Anyone planning to attend classes during the next 3 months needs to register (with Carla) to prevent exceeding the number of people legally allowed in the auditorium. Joan and Dianne have joined the management team.

Spring into Gardening: The latest meeting was a bust (only 4 people attending) primarily because no notice had been given and it was not noted on a calendar. Questions were asked about a plant sale display, Community Garden display, and other displays at the event. Nancy will take care of it all, as she is the leader of the Display Subcommittee. The 2 winners of tickets for the 2020 event need to be notified, plus a list of MG's who attended past SIG's is needed, so they can be notified by email. Bailey's Nursery used to contribute \$1000 per year, but has dropped that to \$200. Therefore some more contributors are needed. Next meeting: Monday, January 13th, 10 am.

Perennial Propagation: Help is needed on December 21st to transplant the Newberg High fuchsias. There will be no students there, of course, so adults will be doing all the work.

Plant Sale Committee: The next meeting will be held on January 8th (10am in the Auditorium). Their goal is to be ready for the job fair, and with a display for Spring into Gardening. Fortunately the fairgrounds personnel have agreed to store the boxes this year.

Gone but not Forgotten: Past Master Gardeners. A lengthy discussion covered the pros and cons of the following subjects: How should these people be honored? Should all the memorials be in a central location? Should we have the stepping stones suggested a few months ago? What will be the definition of "involved?" Should we pick people by how many remember them, or go back only a certain number of years? Should there be permanent plaques in the Extension office? Should people be honored only from a certain date forward? What will be the prerequisites for being honored? (At this point Alan pointed out that the primary requirement will be dying). The only decision reached was that Nancy and Polly will do research and bring their conclusions to the January board meeting. The Awards Committee is now the **Awards/Memorial** Committee.

Miscellaneous:

- Tom, Donn, and Terry will research and decide what to do re: crosswalks during classes.
- Polly, Rita, and Gin will meet at Carol's house on Saturday January 18th, to conduct the audit.
- Nancy and Tonia will probably not be involved in the SIG raffle this year due to health issues.
- Cynthia and Jennifer will determine their level of involvement in the raffle within a week.
- Desk Captains are Susanne and Gene, who are working on the schedule for the Clinic Desk MG's.
- Sue is happily planning for the new rose garden, which she hopes to establish this spring.

Meeting ceased at 11:42am
