

Rita Canales called the meeting to order at 4:55 pm.

<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>		
Gail Price	Carol Parks	Susanne Beukema
Polly Blum	Nancy Woodworth	Sue Nesbitt
Linda Mason	Amy Curtis	Donn Callaham
Rita Canales	Eileen McBride	Becky Karver
Alan Wenner	Joan McKibben -Williams	Pat Fritz
Glenda Hulett-Wenner		

Secretary's notes for September: Gail motioned approval of the minutes, and Susanne seconded the motion. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Reports have already been emailed to board members. **"Financial Policy Change" is being published in the Grapevine for all membership. Language re: reimbursements to Master Gardeners is being changed.** Contact Carol with any questions.

Correspondence: Thank You cards from Jade and from the (4) 4H students were announced.

Awards Committee: On hiatus: it's all history now.

OMGA Representatives: Polly went to the meeting in Tillamook, and received training in grant writing. She received instructions, and was also shown a list of over 3 pages of organizations offering grants. Also OMGA issues grants annually: there is no limit as to how many grants one chapter can receive in a year. Grants available:

- Carl Carlson, \$250, due by May 15th
 - Search for Excellence, \$500, due by May 15th
 - Extension Educator Grant, \$500, due June 1st.
 - (Not to exceed \$4000 per year)
 - Send-a-Friend to Minicollge, \$200, due June 1.
- Mini-College will be 7/24 and 7/25 at the OSU Alumnae Center in Corvallis. **Help is needed for chairpeople in the following areas: Tours; planning workshops; chapter sales; the banquet; chapter displays; Send-a-Friend; Friday banquet (Music, Table décor, speakers, publicity, decorations).**

\$3,000 has been allotted to the creation of a program which would computerize all intakes. The database would have all the "paperwork" online, with many ways

to access the data, and even sites for online research. It is now in place and being tested as we read. OMGA met with an assistant attorney general for Oregon, and learned that as of now nonprofit members cannot vote by email, but will be able to in 2020.

Education/Outreach Committee is on hiatus.

Grapevine: Carol brought up the fact that the budget for distributing the Grapevine has increased significantly, and she feels that it is an excess expense. It costs \$.15 per page (which is one side of the paper) for color printing, 30 copies printed, with 36 mailed and 4 kept in the office. Donn will work with Kelli to determine which subscriptions should be continued, and which should not. From now on printed copies will be in black and white. Therefore, Susanne motioned that the budget for Grapevine distribution be kept at \$400 annually; Donn seconded; no one objected.

Publicity: A new logo is now on the YCMGA website and should be used exclusively from now on. (Donn has already been using for the Grapevine for several months). This is a new circular logo, created by Amada, replacing the peculiar circular flower logo. This new logo is owned by YCMGA, saving us money.

Mentoring Committee: Preparations are complete for the 2020 classes starting in January.

Spring into Gardening: All speakers have been procured, advertising flyers are finished, and the committee will meet on December 9th.

Annual Propagation: First meeting has been held, and seeds to purchase have been chosen.

Plant Sale: Gift certificates for the plant sale will be offered for the first time in history. They will be in denominations of \$10. and \$25., available through the Extension Office personnel. Payment must be made by check or exact cash amount (no credit cards yet). They will be sold to Master Gardeners only this year, and hopefully also to the public beginning next year. Sales have begun; advertising is in the Grapevine

and will be emailed to all YCMGA members.

Ghost of Seed-to-Supper: There is a complete report on the status of the new replacement program in the December issue of the *Grapevine*, along with a full listing of the need for volunteers in specific areas. There is also a contest ongoing for a name for the new program, with an unspecified “great prize” (which incites deep suspicion in the reader) for the winning entry.

New Business: Carry bags with the YCMGA logo on them are either \$8. each in lots of 50, or \$7. each in lots of 100. It was agreed to order 100 of them, under the auspices of the Mentoring Committee. The bags will be given to all trainees as they complete their hour requirements. The hope is that the lure of receiving a free bag will motivate trainees to spend 3 months in classes and to complete their hour requirements. Donn motioned we designate \$700 for the purchase of the bags, Nancy seconded, the board agreed. This means that the line item for Mentoring committee be raised from \$250 to \$950 for one year only. Retail pricing to be determined later.

Board Member Election: Tom, Anna, and Sydney volunteered to count the votes at the Graduation Ceremony, though somehow Tom ended up doing it alone. However, no one seemed to worry about corruption in the process.

FINAL RESULTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS ARE:

**PRESIDENT: SUSANNE BEUKEMA
PRESIDENT-ELECT: GIN GALT
SECRETARY: DONN CALLAHAM
TREASURER: CAROL PARKS
OMGA REPRESENTATIVE: POLLY BLUM
OMGA ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE: LINDA COAKLEY
MEMBERS-AT-LARGE: CAT BOWDISH & AMY CURTIS**

MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 6:37 PM, 11/20/19
