

**YCMGA Board Meeting****February 12, 2020****IN ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Carol Parks</b>	<b>Susanne Beukema</b>	<b>Polly Blum</b>
Gene Nesbitt	Linda Mason	<b>Amy Curtis</b>
<b>Donn Callahan</b>	Pat Fritz	Terry Hart
<b>Cat Bowdish</b>	Heather Stoven	Susan Burdell
Marilyn McGregor	Tom Canales	Sue Nesbitt
<b>Linda Coakley</b>	Rita Canales	Alan Wenner
Nancy Woodworth	Cathy Burdett	Tonia Beebe

**Susanne Beukema called the meeting to order at 9:57 am.**

**S**ecretary's minutes for December: This month one person took exception to 2 sentences in the notes, and said they should be eliminated. The sentences she picked out are to be stricken, but not identified in these notes. The person felt that neither of the problems in the two sentences had been discussed at the meeting. No one either agreed nor disagreed with her, and there were no comments. Everyone had been supplied 2-page copies of the notes, later discarded. Linda motioned the notes be approved, Polly seconded, and everyone concurred. The two unidentified sentences are therefore permanently exterminated from the January notes.

**T**reasurer's Report: Financial reports were sent out prior to the meeting. Due to officer rotation, the names of those who sign checks must be changed. Rita Canales is to be removed from check-signing privileges, Virginia Galt (as President-elect) is to be added to those who sign checks, and Susanne Beukema (as President) is also to be added to those who sign checks. Virginia will also be required to physically visit the bank to supply her signature. Carol Parks is the "Authority in Control" of money for YCMGA. Polly motioned to take this action; Linda seconded it, okayed.

People still appear confused re: the reimbursement form, but it cannot be simplified further. Carol will send out another email explaining it.

Amanda has done some work on our website, but not yet billed us for it, so we don't know the dollar amount. When she does bill, the amount will be charged to "Garden-to-Table."

Since CERT supplies personnel for our plant sale each year, it was suggested that we pay them a stipend annually. Polly made a motion to create a budgetary line item of \$200 per year to be paid to CERT, and Carol seconded the motion.

**C**orrespondence: We received thank-you letters and a donation report for the \$250 we donate each year for 4H Congress. Also, The Daffodil Festival (which has been reincarnated) personnel asked us to sell their plants at the event. That we will not do. We offered to perform a clinic for them, and have not received a response.

**A**wards Committee: OMGA award nominations/applications are due March 15th. The need for a committee to organize this was negated because the OMGA representative (Polly) has already explained, publicized, and made applications available. A strong reminder will be inserted in the *Grapevine*.

All of the plaques honoring Master Gardeners are now up-to-date and on display in the hallway. The plaque honoring deceased Master Gardeners is also installed.

Does Nancy need help on the Awards Committee? No, she does not. She does fine on her own, and doesn't need a committee. Nancy does the YCMGA awards, and Polly takes care of the OMGA awards.

**E**ducation/Outreach: Most clinics are fully staffed already, which makes the committee members very happy. Community Garden classes begin June first; the EOC is striving for at least one educational event per month (which would be good for members to earn their "MG hours").

**C**ommunity Garden: Planting is now in progress, and they harvested about 20 pounds of RED broccoli. They are working on membership in the garden by first inviting past participants to return, then opening the garden to all comers. Orientation is March 28th, and the garden will officially open April 4th. On June 13th at 11am Anna will give a presentation.

**O**MGA: The next meeting will be the first weekend in March, in Grants Pass. The committee is now preparing their quarterly report on YCMGA, to be presented at the OMGA meeting. When YCMGA hosts the OMGA meeting it will be held at the Newberg Community Center (which is free), and this has been reserved. Seamus is working on an EXCEL database, and would like to have someone familiar with the program assist him. Suddenly, Amy volunteered to be that assistant!

**M**entoring Committee. One mentor has had to leave due to getting a job, and Rita volunteered to be the replacement mentor. Using

the conference room adjacent to the Public Works auditorium for the volunteer fair worked exceedingly well, and hopefully will be the future plan. Susanne will publicize the fact that there is a strong need for cashiers at the Plant Sale, and that this is an attractive opportunity for trainees to earn credits and experience.

**Web/Publicity:** Registration for “Spring-into-Gardening” is now being set up in both English and Spanish. Publicity for each event will be provided and displayed approximately one month before each event. Regrettably, a number of businesses will no longer allow public bulletin boards or posters.

**Spring-into-Gardening** has no problems, and will meet March 3rd at 1:00pm in the PW Auditorium.

**Garden to Table** had 14 trainees sign up during the Job Fair to help in the program. Curriculum is finished, and sign-up for participants has been satisfactory. The program providing mentors for the gardeners is new, and more mentors are needed. It requires certified Master Gardeners, who will earn 5 hours of direct credit for their work. Mentors would begin April first, and complete the job the second week in May. Gene stresses that this is an opportunity for those who really despise working on the MG desk.

**Perennial Propagation group** has planted all the recently-purchased small berry plants (while suffering acutely but courageously from the cold weather) and have now emptied 1/3 of the greenhouse.

**Plant Sale Committee**, though fearful, is now preparing for the sale. The tentative sale of Master Gardener-built plant supports (dubbed “Stick-in-the-Mud Plant Supports”) in 2 sizes was approved. Three resolute Master Gardeners are constructing 40 supports.

**Demo Garden** committee on February 24th will decide which roses to plant in the garden. They hope to have the new roses all planted by the end of March. All the weeds in paths have been sprayed with herbicide. Next step for the rose garden is tilling, then laying down slag for the path, and processing that.

**Policies and Procedures:** Sue and Pat will review it all.

**Miscellaneous Committees:** Susan will be our Desk Captain. In scheduling she will first plan with mentors, then with certified Master

Gardeners, and finally with trainees. There will be a calendar, and the deadline for student sign-up is March 15th.

Road Safety committee procured cones and signs, and is providing a live human with a flag to assist pedestrian crossings before and after classes.

**Liability insurance** will now be carried in its entirety by Hartford Insurance. Their limits are higher, their prices are lower, and they will provide certificates of insurance for all events requiring it.

**Display for Mini-college:** Displays are posters/display boards showing off accomplishments of each chapter, focusing on educational successes. No personnel need be at the display: to date not one chapter has agreed to make a display. Being that YCMGA could be the first, and has much to brag about, we agreed to make a display for Mini-college, with focus on our outreach. Volunteers for the setup are needed.

**Propagation display for Mini-college:** There will be a propagation display/class at Mini-College. It will not be hands-on, and who will do it remains an unknown.

**Graduation** will be held in Dayton as it was last year. The BOD meeting will be held at 11:00am on the day of Graduation, which will be Saturday, November 14th. We will have the facility for 8 hours, giving plenty of time for preparation and cleanup.

**Greenhouse Improvement Committee** has not yet been formed. We may use a greenhouse temporarily donated by one of our trainees for one or two years, and will keep using the Newberg High School greenhouse as a passive holding area. Seemingly the majority of Master Gardeners in attendance want to be on this committee, and people kept veering off-topic trying to discuss specific repairs to the greenhouse. WE'RE NOT READY FOR DECISIONS: WE NEED TO FULLY EVALUATE FIRST. *Finally*, Susanne stopped the nonproductive discussions: we will form the committee before we try to come to the conclusions the committee will reach.

Linda motioned to end the meeting.

Polly seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 11:37am.

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