

IN VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE:

<i>Carol Parks</i>	<i>Susanne Beukema</i>	<i>Polly Blum</i>
<i>Amy Curtis</i>	<i>Donn Callahan</i>	<i>Pat Fritz</i>
<i>Cat Bowdish</i>	<i>Heather Stoven</i>	<i>Marilyn McGregor</i>
<i>Tom Canales</i>	<i>Sue Nesbitt</i>	<i>Linda Coakley</i>
<i>Rita Canales</i>	<i>Nancy Woodworth</i>	<i>Gin Galt</i>

Susanne Beukema called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. This meeting was teleconferenced because of the new requirements regarding the coronavirus.

Secretary's minutes for March: Polly wanted to change the wording in last month's minutes re: the OMGA auction. It is all tentative, so should not yet be listed as online only. Carol motioned approval; Polly seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports were sent out prior to the meeting. YCMGA had approximately \$48,235.56 at the end of March. All refunds for SIG have been made, except for a few people for whom there was no contact info. Red Ridge Winery desires a refund of their donation, but promised to support YCMGA next year. Amount received for dues is down: only 77 people have renewed so far. Out goes another email from Carla...

Heather report: Big change for 2020: there will be no hours requirements for recertification this year. What people do they should still record, but they are not to worry about hours for 2020. For students, the same change, except that to become a Master Gardener the trainees would need to perform their hours in the next *two* years, thus graduating in 2021.

There will hence be no graduation ceremony this year, since no one will graduate. However, there still should be an awards ceremony/dinner at the original location and date.

Heather wants to know MG status and desires, such as: Create a blog? Insect committee still meeting? Do committees want to use "zoom" for their communications? (Greenhouse Committee wants to keep meeting, with next meeting on April 15th at 10:00am).

Even with Farmers' Markets open, it would be pointless for us to be there, so we won't until life is back to normal.

Plant Sale: The Plant Sale, of course, was cancelled. Since the plants cannot be sold in any form or to anyone per orders from OSU, the committee is now working on disposition of the plants. When that decision has been made they will post it to all YCMGA members *for information only*.

Education/Outreach: Newberg High School is apparently still planning to have their plant sale during May, but it will be very limited in scope. They will sell their premium plants online and publicize this to Master Gardeners. Their *might* be a drive-through sale for some of the other plants, and they may also sell some of the plants that MG's weren't allowed to sell. The Spirit Mountain tour of native plants is still on for May 28, but may be postponed. It can be done at any time of year, though this would have been the most glamorous time for it.

Community Garden: All beds for the public are on hold, but planting and harvesting of the beds for YCAP is in full swing. To date these beds (with help from Master Gardeners) have produced 538 pounds of produce for YCAP.

OMGA: Mini-college is completely planned and ready to go, if it can. On May 15th OMGA staff will decide whether or not it will happen. There are *possible tentative* options, such as having Mini-college only in webinar form, or providing recordings of the lectures, or postponing until October or November.

Mentor Committee is making an heroic attempt to stay in contact with students and has met with some success: some mentors are participating and others are not.

Spring into Gardening: This event used to be on the second Saturday in March until 4 years ago, when it was moved to the third Saturday to avoid interference with the SIP Wine Festival. The move made no difference in attendance. Messages have been left with the Community Center asking to reserve Saturday, March 13th, 2021 for the event. Most presenters have agreed to doing their presentations next year instead of this year.

Garden-to-Table is hibernating right now.

Perennial Propagation Committee is hoping to salvage as many plants as possible. Gallon plants may be sent to temporary foster homes, and as many as possible 4" plants will be transplanted to gallons. The barest of maintenance is now in effect; future propagation is a big "if." Even if there is propagation, it probably would not begin until July.

Demo Garden: No one is working on the garden at the moment. The fairgrounds personnel and jail labor are no longer available to distribute the slag for the path, so Sue is researching hiring the work out. (After the virus crisis, it may be very difficult to find anyone to do the work). As soon as the slag is spread, Donn will do the finish work. The roses have been ordered, are arriving, and are being potted to await their final homes. The fairgrounds are open, but not to the public. YCMGA has a Memo of Understanding with the Fairgrounds Board re: the appearances of our gardens, but right now this is more a question mark than a period.

Sue wants to get a group of people together to form a mission statement for the fairgrounds demonstration garden, and she will compose an email inviting MG's to participate. Since there is always a strong need for free grunt labor for the demo gardens (remember the plural: there is also the Extension Office landscaping, and the person caring for that would love help). Someone suggested that to get help all trainees could be forced to spent X number of hours on one of the gardens. Heather considers that somewhat mean, and not having any educational component. We could, however, disguise it as a "field trip" or "weed workshop:" when the trainees arrived they would be captive, so could be issued weeding tools and put to work on an "educational" project.

Awards Committee: Nancy and Rita will decide whom to nominate for local awards. Sue, Linda, and Polly will do the nominations for OMGA awards, and would like to give Michael another chance. As has always been the case, May 15th is the deadline for submissions.

Scholarships: The application deadline for students has been extended to May 15th, and career counselors have been notified. One application has already been received.

New business: OMGA is still seeking donations for their Mini-college auction, though the auction will be held only if Mini-college is held as a living venue (not online). An online

auction is possible, but does not merit the intense work involved in setting it up. Sue knows: she did it once.

In closing, Susanne asked if anyone wanted to add anything, such as new hobbies, whether or not weeks were growing, or ??

No one did, so Carol motioned to close the meeting, Polly seconded, and at 11:22 it was lights out.

