

**YCMGA Board Meeting****May 13, 2020****IN VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Carol Parks</b>	<b>Susanne Beukema</b>	<b>Polly Blum</b>
<b>Donn Callaham</b>	<b>Pat Fritz</b>	<b>Heather Stoven</b>
<b>Marilyn McGregor</b>	<b>Gin Galt</b>	<b>Terry Hart</b>
<b>Gene Nesbitt</b>	<b>Sue Nesbitt</b>	<b>Linda Mason</b>

**Susanne Beukema called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. This meeting was teleconferenced because of the continuing requirements regarding the coronavirus.**

**S**ecretary's minutes for March: Carol motioned acceptance; Gin seconded.

**T**reasurer's Report: Financial reports were sent out prior to the meeting. YCMGA had approximately \$46,000 at the end of April.

**H**eather report: Heather is awaiting further instructions re: YCMGA public behavior. To date OSU has neither changed nor lessened any requirements, regardless of what the state as a whole is doing. There has been no communication from OSU re: the extension office nor any MG activity. Carla is completing the collection of the OSU contract all volunteers must sign.

**A**nnouncements: YCMGA received a thank you from the CERT organization, along with a promise to participate in our activities again as soon as needed/allowed. For some reason resumes for 2 4H youth ambassadors were mailed to us instead of going to the fair board, as they should have. (We do not pick ambassadors; a special committee from the fair board does that). Leslie Lewis the human should receive these resumes, but it seems pointless this year because there are no activities for the ambassadors to attend. The question is, do we still supply money even though the program is frozen?? We also will not donate the \$85. for fair awards this year, and will save the funds for next year (assuming there is one).

**E**ducation/Outreach: It's probably obvious that the tour to the casino to view their landscaping has been cancelled. Polly will reschedule it for sometime in the future, but as yet has no idea when that will be. All other activities are on hold.

**C**ommunity Garden: Some really sad news is that Alan has resigned from all duties re: the garden. He is still an active YCMGA member. There was of necessity no plant sale at the garden this year as the garden was not allowed to be open. Staff are continuing to support and grow food for YCAP, but only for YCAP. To date this year they have supplied 2,471 pounds of produce, including all the unsold tomato plants.

**O**MGA: On hold through OSU as well, though planning for the 2021 mini-college. 2021 will be the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Master Gardener program in Oregon, so hopefully a special event will be planned and possible then.

**G**arden-to-Table is meeting to try to plan for the possibility of an on-line class for this fall. The value of such a class would be deeply questionable because it would be the antithesis of a hands-on experience. As with all else, plans for a genuine live class lie with state requirements, and then with decisions (if any) from OSU.

**P**lant sale Committee: 9 community partners have participated with the plant sale committee in distributing and/or selling the plants originally meant for the sale. If we had sold the plants we would have grossed approximately \$32,000. Except that we didn't sell them, so grossed nothing. There will be 900 one-gallon plants held over this year for the 2021 sale, and no summer vegetables.

**P**erennial Propagation: All plants held over for the 2021 sale will be in Grow Alley. The leaders are making a list of plants which could be propagated by individuals at their homes, then later brought to the greenhouse. For this project the same leaders are collecting a list of MG's capable of and willing to do this task, and will supply potting soil and growing materials to them. Someone may construct a PowerPoint presentation describing how to propagate, for those who are inexperienced but wish to help.

**D**emonstration Garden: All the annuals have now been planted, and the roses installed. The path has been laid, and will be compacted when someone can sneak in there

and get it done. All else is on hold.

**Scholarships:** 5 applications have been received for scholarships, with decisions to be made this week. Questions were raised: Is dividing the available \$2,000 available going to result in too-puny scholarships? Should there be fewer accepted to keep the value of each higher? In the past all scholarship applications have been approved, but perhaps now it should become a more competitive process. If so, a set of standards would have to be developed as guidelines for both the students and the MG committee.

One of the applications is from Mac High, so funds from the Mac High FFA can be used this year for her/him. Since we saved about \$2K on the rose garden planting this year, a motion was made by a board member to add a budget line item of \$1K for scholarships; Gin seconded the motion. This will allow us to increase each award to \$750.

**Greenhouse Renovation:** A few decisions have been made and a little work done re: the greenhouse. The existing greenhouse will be kept (not replaced) and no more greenhouses will be added. Under discussion are a new floor (less lumpy), new tables or benches, an overhead watering system, and an outside soil storage facility.

At this point the only work done has been removal of the raised garden bed in front of the greenhouse, and removal of the potting soil from inside. Decisions now must be made regarding a new floor and if there will be new "furniture." Though a lot of research has been done and *voluminous* discussions taken place, no decisions have been made on anything to date.

Obviously, the first priority is the floor (if the building is emptied), then the "furniture" and finally the outdoor soil storage.

**New Business:** YCMGA will not make the usual \$3K contribution to the Community Garden this year because of the absence of a sale.

Heather will notify members as quickly as she knows anything more about activities and participation.

Insect Committee would like submission of photos and facts re: insects. Contact Gin Galt with submissions: she reminded us that they are really tired of carpenter ants and spittle bugs, and need some variety.

**Carol motioned for cessation, Polly seconded, and the airwaves were silenced at 11:25 am.**

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