

YCMGA Board Meeting**June 10, 2020****IN VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE:**

Carol Parks	Susanne Beukema	Polly Blum
Donn Callaham	Pat Fritz	Heather Stoven
Marilyn McGregor	Gin Galt	Terry Hart
Sue Nesbitt	Linda Mason	Tom Canales
Rita Canales	Amy Curtis	Jeff Lukehart
Carla Stables (as our "Zoom" supervisor)		

Susanne Beukema called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. This meeting was teleconferenced because of the continuing requirements regarding the coronavirus.

Secretary's minutes for March: Gin motioned acceptance; Carol seconded.

Treasurer's Report: The reports have been emailed to board members, as usual. A few renewals for Master Gardener dues are dribbling in, though not of any monetary significance. YCMGA received about \$1,000 in donations since the last report, which are categorized as "contributions." The treasurer noted that the payment of scholarships does not necessarily coordinate with the year they are awarded. They are paid out only after the recipient has completed one quarter or semester; at times the payment could be up to 2 years after the award was made.

(Side note: records show that Tom Canales did pay his dues, though he was late in doing so).

Heather report: OSU, as we all now know, has its own system for deciding phasing out of virus restrictions. OSU does not coordinate with nor acknowledge the actions of any other body on this (state, county, city, etc.). Therefore their "legal department" is substantially behind the rest of society re: allowing people to get back to normal interactions. (OSU Legal took 4 weeks just to *look* at a request from Yamhill County MG's, and still hasn't acted on it). This means that nearly every activity is still cancelled, the auditorium cannot be used, all meetings are

and will be virtual, people must sign liability waivers for OSU and keep records of *all* activity.

People need to be reminded that Heather has no more power over these OSU decisions than the membership does. The primary focus of OSU is to protect itself from any imagined responsibility. In this vein, MG activities are expected to be cancelled by OSU well into the future.

Community Garden: YCAP beds continue to be worked, with the produce being regularly delivered. 1,519 pounds of produce have been donated to date this year. There are 13 non-YCAP beds currently in use, with an alternating-day schedule for participants. Gardeners are also required to bring their own tools and containers, and sign agreements re: protocol at the garden.

OMGA is still on hold. Mini-college is still *tentatively* planned for July 19, 2021 at OSU.

Garden-to-Table is not functional right now. Alternative activities are being considered, such as: activities on "Zoom"; activities at the fairgrounds; online classes; demonstration beds for classes. The YCCO grant which was scheduled to be received this year cannot be used in 2020. In doubt is the future of the grant: since it will not be used this year, can it be renewed? Can we reapply for it if necessary? The consensus is that we'll probably lose it, but that is an unknown.

Plant sale Committee is currently considering all possible alternatives to a "normal" plant sale. A few possibilities mentioned were: online sales; partnering with a local business to have that business sell the plants; partnering with a winery; having the sale in a parking lot at the fairgrounds; having the sale in a wall-less pavilion at the fairgrounds.

Perennial Propagation: Propagation is being done at home by members of the committee. The misting system is set up in Grow Alley so plant starts can be left there as soon as they are planted. Next project will be, as members like to refer to it, "upcutting" (which simply means transplanting into bigger pots, but sounds more professional). Members are needed to "foster" large numbers of gallon plants for the summer.

Demonstration Garden: The Fairgrounds demo. garden now has both a mission and a vision, though they can act on neither right now. (The Extension Office demonstration garden has never had either a mission or any vision, and probably never will with its current caretaker). What the Fairgrounds garden needs now is people who are willing to do the actual physical *work*.

Awards is still progressing. Nominations are completed, and awaiting decisions from OMGA. The committee is pondering ways to announce the awards. This used to be at the "Ice Cream Social" in summer, but you can't have much of a "social" if people can't attend it, so it has been cancelled. Voting for board members also will have to change, and perhaps will be done by email. In that vein, Gin will not take the President position for 2021, so nominations are needed for that post. We have none for it to date.

Scholarships: Seven applications have been received, and the scholarship money is being divided equally among all seven. One is from McMinnville and is receiving a scholarship for his second year. All applicants are very highly qualified, and two of them are even majoring in "environmental engineering." Each receives \$500.

Greenhouse: Further improvements have been halted until there is a solid commitment from YCMGA for funds. YCMGA has \$32,000 available (for all purposes, not just the greenhouse). Tom suggested

we agree to have a set amount available, just so that some minor work may progress. Polly moved we approve \$2,500 for greenhouse improvements in 2020; Linda seconded and the board agreed. Linda is focused on procuring ready-made benches; one member wanted to donate one new bench, but realized that the shipping costs double the cost of the bench itself. Some people might consider searching for used benches, if such are available. Actually building benches seems to be "off the table" now, as some people are still focused on buying ready-made.

Polly motioned to end it all, Gin seconded, and the meeting terminated at 11:48 am.

NOTE: Because there isn't much to talk about right now, this is a new **LARGE-PRINT VERSION** of the Secretary's notes. We hope to be forced back to standard-size print soon.

