

Yamhill County Master Gardener Association
Board Meeting Minutes via Zoom Conference
July 8, 2020

Members Present: **Susanne Beukema, Polly Blum, Linda Coakley**, Terry Hart
Rita Canales, Pat Fritz, **Gin Galt**, Heather Stoven,
Marilyn McGregor, Linda Mason, Marlena Bertram
Nancy Woodworth, **Carol Parks**
Board members in "Bold"

Call to order at 10:03am.

Approval of Previous Month's Secretary's Report: Motion was made to approve, but there was not a Board quorum present. Carol arrived soon after. Polly motioned and Gin seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Carol had previously sent copies to all Board members. No objections.

Present Elect: No report.

Heather's Report: With Covid 19 cases increasing, the procedures OSU has been considering are on a holding pattern until cases decline. More information should be coming. She needs to compile a communicable disease protocol for volunteers in the office. SIG for 2021 is still being discussed. Working with mentor committee for possibilities of mentors and mentees meeting in small groups. Propagation member asked if they can take cuttings from the landscape surrounding the Extension office. Answer is "yes" and verified with Kelli. But days should be Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Not Tuesday or Thursday because office is open to the public. Regarding intakes, Carla has been dividing them up among a number of members and it is going well. Of course, the quantity is much lower than normal. There have been some inquiries about the Asian giant hornet and now with the office open, the public can bring their sample to us and Heather can determine what this insect is. Gail L. has notified Heather that the ODA has no money to do a sampling of the Asian giant hornet. Consequently, the Extension and its volunteers will be the first line of inquiry.

Announcements/Correspondence: None

EOC: There are (2) Zoom coming up; 7/13 Hydrangeas and 7/20 Vegetables after September. Tomorrow (7/9) we are having a Zoom presentation on member's Covid Gardens. Polly says Jeremy from the Spirit Mountain Casino is open to having us visit their Native Plant Garden whenever the Covid restrictions have relaxed. Linda Mason will be hosting a Zoom presentation on the Community Garden in the future.

Community Garden: Linda reported they have harvested 3,453 lbs. of vegs. recently, and the year to date quantity is 5,012lbs. Herbs are being harvested and contact tracing is working well for them. They have just planted squash and string beans are due to be harvested in a few weeks. On the Power Point presentation, she will have Heather help her with setup.

OMGA: They had their 2nd quarterly meeting via Zoom on 6/19. It was announced that YCMGA won the Karl Carson award for \$250, and also won the Search For Excellence award of \$250. The State OMGA Award for Behind The Scenes went to our Michael O'Loughlin. Regarding Mini-College, they discussed alternate ways to hold it. But, like everyone, until the virus cases

decline, plans can't proceed. Happily, the presenters for 2020 are willing to present their topics however we decide is best.

Web/Publicity: No report.

Mentoring Committee: Their next meeting is 7/28/20. Thinking they may be able to hold their meeting outside, instead of via Zoom.

SIG: Heather suggested they hold a meeting in September just to discuss options.

GTT: This event has been postponed. Requested it be removed from future agendas.

Perennial Propagation: They are meeting Tuesdays and Fridays due to limited number of people allowed at one time. Workers are coming on the correct day and time and it's going very well. Fairgrounds is having a water line worked on and the water will be turned off to the greenhouse, pavilion and house of caretaker. They don't know when and how long it will be off. Cuttings must be misted every 4 hours, so they are seeking volunteers to come on specific days and times to do so. The fairgrounds say they will provide a water tank for us, but we don't know where it will be parked and how far away from the pavilion.

Annual Propagation: No report.

Plant Sale: \$100 is owed us from a refund for our deposit for Leslie Lewis building. Susanne is trying to find out why this amount was not returned to us. The survey the group sent to the members closes on 7/9.

Demo Garden: Next meeting is 7/15. They will be cleaning up the pavilion and the herb garden.

Policies & Procedures: No report.

Fall Planning/Awards presentation: The fall budget meeting is being planned as a Zoom get-together due to the current increased cases of Covid 19. The date is tentatively Saturday, October 17. Our reservation for Palmer Creek Lodge in Newberg has been cancelled.

OMGA Awards for 2020: Our own Michael O'Loughlin was awarded OMGA's Behind The Scenes for 2020! And our own Amy Curtis has volunteered to be the OMGA newsletter editor. The nominating committee for 2021 YCMGA board positions are Rita and Nancy. Other people are always welcome to join.

Regarding YCMGA 2020 awards, a Zoom meeting will be scheduled soon for the awards committee plus Heather, Susanne & Gin to decide our winners.

Adjourned at 11:25 PM. Polly motioned and Gin seconded.

Submitted by Nancy Woodworth for Donn Callaham, Secretary