

YAMHILL COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting
November 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
Via Zoom Web Conference

1. Call to order - Susanne Beukema
 2. Approval of Previous Month's Secretary's Report - Donn Callaham
 - Motion to approve – Polly
 - Seconded – Gin
 - Passed
 3. **Treasurer's Report** - Carol Parks
 - Group had a discussion around going forward with the reimbursement/payment form
 - Some felt it was only needed for reimbursements, not payments where an invoice is received
 - Amy brought up and shared the form – it is actually designed to be used for both
 - It was noted that OMGA is also using the form now and suggests all use the same form
 - Final decision – continue to use the form for both payments and reimbursements
 4. **President Elect Report** - Gin Galt
 - No update
 5. **Report from Heather Stoven**
 - Reiterated that the extension office will be closed for the next two weeks; also, no one can work as an MG in the gardens
 - Work is being done to create skill-building training for 2021
 - First type would include the following types of classes and would occur once or twice a week from early-January to late-March
 - How to use Zoom (no details on content yet)
 - How to use iNaturalist
 - Instructions for using the Landscape plant database
 - How to use OSU's ECCO database that stores information from completed intake forms throughout Oregon
 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion courses
 - Virtual Plant Clinics
 - Second type would be webinars more around horticulture classes and would occur once a month
 - Sue asked Heather if we can assume that work in the gardens can take place after two week shut-down; Heather noted that this will be determined based on information from the governor
6. **Announcements/Correspondence**
 - Thanks received from Heather for the flower arrangement she received from Susanne and Rita on behalf of YCMGA
 - Sharon Dietrichson sent a thank you on behalf of the radio team for the award they received during the awards ceremony
 7. **Committee Reports**
 - **Education/Outreach Committee** - Rita
 - Committee met on 11/17
 - They received the survey results from Carla

- Need to organize and analyze results
- In addition, they need to resend the survey to MGs who did not answer the original survey and/or did not include their name
- Survey results will be sent to committee heads for follow-up with respondents on how they want to be involved; Gene noted that committee heads should also review skills of respondents to determine if some may have a skill that would be useful for the committee, even if the respondent didn't select that committee
- Next meeting is not until January
- Coffee chats are still occurring
- **McMinnville Community Garden** - Linda Mason
 - Garden is now closed.
 - Winter crops will be harvested in January.
- **OMGA** - Polly/Linda C
 - OMGA will have a retreat on 12/01. From 1:30 to 2:30 will be a discussion of plant sales by different chapters, including presentations
 - Meeting should conclude at 4:00 pm
 - OMGA has not been requiring dues payments during COVID-19
 - Members questioned whether we should require dues: will be discussed momentarily
 - Virtual Mini-college will be 7/16 & 7/17.
 - Registration opens March 5th, 2021
 - All speakers have been contacted and reserved.
 - There will be a virtual Send-a-Friend raffle.
 - There will also be a virtual auction.
- **Web/Publicity** -Tom
 - Tom is building a slide show of old YCMGA photos, sorted by month.
 - This is being placed on the YCMGA website.
- **Spring into Gardening** - Carol/Becky
 - Next meeting will be on 12/15.
 - Current project is surveying other chapters re: their plans for educational events
 - Hope is to have the results of this by the December board meeting
 - If there is a conference & meetings, Zoom will be required
 - Cost of Zoom is either flat \$150 or \$20 per month
 - Zoom is needed for registration, seminars, etc.
 - OSU may make Zoom available for county meetings
- **Garden to Table** – Gene
 - A trial class for January is ready to initiate
 - Virtual mentorship is going to be attempted on Zoom
 - Online registration will be through YCMGA website
- **Perennial Propagation** - Pat/Marilyn
 - Plant benches are all finished
 - All plants needed to be in greenhouse are in, and there is a little space left
- **Annual Propagation Committee** - Linda/Sue
 - The committee will order plants in December, meet in January, begin work in February
- **Plant Sale Committee** - Marilyn/Pat/Gin
 - Gin is creating a complete inventory
 - There may be a complete reorganization, with multiple new subcommittees
 - Gin describes the process as a scary, morphing, amoeba-like organism
- **Demo Garden** – Sue
 - Replacement plants for the Wiser Pavilion have been purchased at Loen's & Kramer's

- Discounts were received from Loen’s nursery.
- About 50 daffodils have been planted.
- There are still some more shrubs to purchase & install.
- Annual beds are shut down, native garden under construction
- Currents activities are spraying deer-repellant; work will be done in 1 more day.

8. Unfinished Business

- A fundraising committee is desperately needed, and no one wants to do it.
- Some fund-raising suggestions were:
 - Make & sell wreaths, during the entire year rather than just in the winter
 - This activity would be for 2021, not 2020.
 - The Decorating Committee should be gifted at wreath-making
 - Wreaths could be made of succulents, for which Carla has information
 - Sell YCMGA merchandise (such as shirts)
 - Potting benches could be sold to the public
 - We should solicit donations on PayPal and Amazon Smile.

9. New Business

- OMGA Membership Dues
 - Members agreed to let due payment be optional this year.
 - Members who can afford it could be encouraged to make donations
 - Only the treasurer should know who does and does not pay dues this year.

10. Budget review & approval

- A few changes were made to the proposed budget
 - Anticipated gross from plant sale adjusted to \$13,500.
 - No money budgeted for fair prizes or open class donation this year.
 - “Technology” becomes “zoom” and is set at \$240.
 - Card fee of \$350 removed, as the fee is taken before gross receipts counted.
 - Potting media is set at \$1500.
 - Education/outreach committee is reduced to \$100.
 - Scholarships are set at \$4,000 because that is already committed, paid out one or two years after it is awarded.
 - Fair prizes and Fair Ambassadors are set at \$0
 - One McMinnville scholarship was mistakenly paid from general fund: therefore, McMinnville dedicated funds have not been used, but general fund is down \$1000.
- **Budget Approval:** Polly motioned, Susanne seconded, all voted “aye”.

11. Next Meeting – December 9th at 9:00 am via Zoom

Gin motioned to adjourn, Amy seconded, everyone vociferously agreed to adjourn at 11:30 a.m.

In attendance:

Susanne Beukema	Carol Parks	Linda Mason	Sue Nesbitt	Gene Nesbitt
Amy Curtis	Rita Canales	Tom Canales	Donn Callaham	
Nancy Woodworth	Heather Stoven	Terry Hart	Gin Galt	Pat Fritz
Polly Blum	Kelly Moser	Gail Stoltz	Marilyn McGregor	Linda Coakley

Submitted by Gin Galt and Donn Callaham, 11/18/20

