

IN VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE:

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

Susanne Beukema called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. This meeting was teleconferenced because of the continuing requirements regarding the coronavirus.

Secretary's minutes for September: Polly motioned acceptance; Gin seconded.

Treasurer's Report: The reports have been emailed to board members, as usual. We now have approximately \$37,000 available as non-dedicated funds. Carol has not yet been able to transfer the \$1,000 to the general fund from dedicated funds, due to bank closures. It will be consummated by year's end.

Heather report: COVID restrictions are being reviewed on an ongoing basis. 2021 training will consist of monthly 1-hour horticultural webinars beginning in January. Additionally there will be online courses (more than webinars) every week on "skills", beginning on January 22. Echo is being set up to do intakes online from now on.

Education/Outreach: The second survey re: what MG's want to learn has been sent out and returned. Results are being organized; Rita will send out the results asap. Though not many people participated, the Friday chats have been popular, with discussions centering on berries, dahlias, and other horticultural subjects. No other activities are being scheduled, though Rita reiterated that it's good to "get out" (if looking and being looked at by others on a screen can be considered "getting out.")

McMinnville Community Garden is closed for now. Preparations are being done at home for seeding in the greenhouse. Members have been doing "drive-bys" (in

a nonviolent sense) to check on the garden.

OMGA: The Zoom retreat involved 84 Master Gardeners! There was a discussion of plant sale plans. Goals for 2021 are:

- Advocate for Master Gardeners and Extension.
- Continue financial support for educational content.
- Enhance and diversify membership.
- Clarify OMGA legal standing (with an upcoming talk by Oregon's Assistant Attorney General). A committee will be formed on this topic.

Mini-college will take place on 7/16 and 7/17.

Moderators and silent auction people are needed.

A recent PowerPoint on minicollege will be sent to general membership.

Web/Publicity: Garden-to-Table is set up, and 43 people who registered in the spring were notified of the opportunity.

Mentoring: When the new January class is notified, all mentors will be contacted to encourage their trainees.

Spring into Gardening: All counties have been asked to summarize the subjects they plan to have *if* they plan to have spring educational events. However, at this point only one other chapter is planning for an event. YCMGA will have our event, and do not want to duplicate lectures from other events. (Tentative problem solved, as there won't be other events in Oregon).

Garden to Table: 8 registrations have been received, with only 4 more needed to fill the class. Five weekly courses have been set up, and MG's are being asked to be 1:1 online mentors for the clients, throughout 2021. The first class will begin on January 9th and continue for 5 weeks. Only challenge now is to find mentors.

Perennial Propagation: the group is watching the plants, a passive activity, and wishing the plants well.

Annual Propagation committee members have placed the spring order, and will meet in early January to pick plants for 2021.

Plant Sale Committee: A survey of other MG chapters showed that 5 counties reported on their sales, and they had an enormous variety of approaches to the sales. An email discussion of plant sales has been initiated with other counties, but we will apparently be the only county to use Shopify, thus being a guinea pig for the state. Ruth is looking for hot deals on plants, and has been allowed \$1500 for purchases.

Demo. Garden: Sue reported that the weeds are thriving, the surprise planting of crocus is all coming up, and even an old camellia is blooming. Trimming and planting will begin in January.

Awards & Memorials committee: Linda Coakley has joined the committee, and wants to see plaques for anyone who has ever worked in the greenhouse, including those currently involved. Susanne pointed out that qualifying for a plaque should entail more than simply becoming old and dying, and Polly mentioned that as a group of old people we all have a strong natural tendency to qualify that way anyway. People also brought up the fact that if a plaque is made for everyone ever involved, there would not be space left for plants.

(Plaques in the extension office are not currently updated, as access to them is denied during COVID 19. Of course, Nancy will update them when she is allowed to do so). Susanne mentioned that we need to decide on real criteria (beyond the 2 above) for plaque-ship, and Tom needs that information as well. A "Tree-of-Membership" was suggested, with each honoree having an engraved leaf, if we are willing to make such a substantial investment.

An interesting note on greenhouse history:
The greenhouse was originally 90 feet long, built for the use of the prisoners at the fairgrounds, and located at the far end of the grounds. It was never used for that purpose, sat idle for 6 or 7 years, until the Master Gardeners asked for it. It was then cut down to half the original size, and moved and reconstructed by Bailey Nursery personnel (as a donation to the Master Gardeners). The original sign honoring the nursery has disappeared. On our website is a photo of the newly-reconstructed greenhouse (current site) in 1999.

Nancy will set up a meeting of the new enlarged committee to come to decisions. Any conclusions the committee may reach will be relayed to the board.

Annual Audit: An audit is required in January, and a Zoom audit would be awkward at best. However, the books need to be transferred to Amy (our new treasurer) and any discrepancies must be resolved first. Members have to see and compare receipts in person. It's possible there could be a modified audit, in which copies of receipts could be sent to members' homes. Four people are needed, and 5 slowly volunteered: Carol, Amy, Rita, Gail, and Terry. The committee will decide how to handle the audit and Heather will help with the technical aspects.

Though he didn't know it at the time, Tom was volunteered to be in charge of instigating a zoom account which could be used for the audit. (Tom graciously accepted after he was already committed).

At 10:10 am Carol made the motion of "Let's get out of here," and Susanne seconded. A quick "Happy Holidays" and everyone was gone.

