

YCMGA Board Meeting**February 10, 2021****IN VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE:**

<i>Carol Parks</i>	<i>Susanne Beukema</i>	<i>Polly Blum</i>
<i>Donn Callahan</i>	<i>Marilyn McGregor</i>	<i>Gin Galt</i>
<i>Pat Fritz</i>	<i>Linda Mason</i>	<i>Rita Canales</i>
<i>Amy Curtis</i>	<i>Nancy Rita Canales</i>	<i>Gail Stoltz</i>
<i>Kelly Moser</i>	<i>Marilyn McGregor</i>	<i>Tonia Beebe</i>
<i>Lisa Patterson</i>		

Susanne Beukema called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. This meeting was teleconferenced because of the continuing requirements regarding the coronavirus.

Secretary's minutes for December: Rita motioned acceptance; Polly seconded.

- We have \$10,377.16 in the restricted save account, \$501.27 of which is Fuchsia and the remainder is for MHS.
 - We have \$1317.15 in checking
 - We have \$31,865.51 in savings.
- 5scholarships have been paid, and we are waiting for paperwork from the last 2. For now the YCMGA p.o. box and address will remain the same; checks will look differently now that they are in a printable format. Carol lamented that Amy has learned more about Quick-Books than Carol could acquire in 5 years...

President-elect thanks all MG's for the continuing work during the disease shutdown.

Heatherless Report: Heather simply sent her regards, reminded us of COVID-19, and is pleased that a number of MG's are taking the online classes from OSU.

Spring into Gardening: All speakers have been reserved. We have contracted for a Zoom program for 3 months at a cost of \$160 (out of a \$220 budget). For Heather to be an alternate host we will need to pay for a Pro license at \$15 per month. Tom said he will personally donate the \$45 for this. For there to be a shared screen the

presentation must be through the extension office. There are a number of vague categories of participation: host, cohost, alternate host, and more.

The program limits us to 100 people per class, so the classes will first be offered to Yamhill County residents, with MG's and former attendees the first to be notified. The account will be active from the end of February through the end of March. Dates are Saturdays, April 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th beginning at 10am each day.

Education/Outreach is depending on the OSU classes for now. The classes received moderate reviews, from "too basic" to "okay." Seed packets have been chosen to give to Bi-Mart, which will in turn donate them to the "Food Hero" program, with some going to Garden-to-Table.

The "interests" survey has been frustrating, as it appears not to be specific enough. (E.g., people sign up to help for plant sale, but we don't know which particular position they have in mind). Therefore Kelly, Rita, and Tonia (who were wished help from above) plan to revise it yet again and reissue it to MG's.

Mcminnville Community Garden has completed planting of spring vegetable for YCAP. No humans are allowed in the greenhouse. Even outside, working alone, OSU expects everyone to wear a mask in case another person suddenly appears on the property.

OMGA: The results from the Lane County survey re: issuing awards were: 5 counties "yes", 2 "no," 4 are waiting, and 11 never replied.

Opinions are sought re: silent auction and "send-a-friend" at the Mini-College. Here are the possible actions for you to consider:

- 1) Ask people to donate only easily-shipped items (such as gift cards).
- 2) Man regional drop-off points.
- 3) Adding shipping charges to winners if the

costs are above \$5.00.

- 4) Each chapter donates \$250 (which is an idea we quickly negated).
 - 5) Have no silent auction or fundraiser.
- The money is used for the grants to chapters.

Garden to Table has completed one trial class which went comparatively well. We are waiting for oral evaluations from the students to see if they agree, and will determine whether or not to have a class in the spring depending on the response. The mentors enjoyed it, and will be following up with mentees for a year.

Web/Publicity: Except for SIG signup, nothing is happening.

Scholarships: The 2021 YCMGA scholarship forms are revised, have been sent to the high school counselors and are on our website thanks to Tom.

Perennial Propagation: Plants are either doing well, or dead. Seeds are being raised at home greenhouses. The old greenhouse benches are STILL available; Tom lamented that he has been waiting for 6 months for someone to decide what to do with them. Indecision followed: are they worth salvaging? (no); are they worth recycling? (no); should we have a deadline for making a decision (yes—Wednesday, Feb. 17th); should we put them on Craigslist (no way). Tom will personally smash any remaining benches and haul their remains to the dump.

Annual Propagation Committee has seeded peppers, parsley, and salvia. In an astute nod to safety, OSU will allow only vegetables (no humans and certainly no flowers) in the greenhouse. Flowers must be prohibited apparently due to their propensity for spreading the Covid 19 virus, whereas vegetables are known to be more benign.

Plant Sale: Shopify information is almost all entered; since 4" pots sell for \$3.00, gallons will be priced at \$5 (still an excellent buy compared to retail prices). Pickup dates will be the first 2 weekends in May—Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. We may need to buy a special insurance policy for the Fairgrounds. Should we deliver plants?? A resounding NO is the answer because OSU

would require:

- 1) Risk assessment forms completed by every person receiving a delivery.
- 2) Legal forms completed by every driver for every delivery.
- 3) A three-month lead time for OSU to review all the legal forms and form opinions on each, then either accept or refuse each individual's form.

Demonstration Garden is growing only weeds.

Awards Committees: We agreed to submit award nominations to OMGA (even though some other chapters won't). Polly and Tom will submit nominations for OMGA awards, and Nancy's committee will submit those for the YCMGA awards. Everyone is encouraged to apply for the various OMGA grants, particularly since other chapters seem reticent to do so.

Audit: The audit is completed, though it required considerably more paperwork and time than a live audit would have done. Susanne needs to be notified of the results. No improprieties were discovered, but it was disclosed that one audit committee member (Tom) has some difficulties with addition skills.

Polly motioned to end the meeting at 10:21 am, and Rita seconded the motion. It is always notable how quickly everyone leaves the Zoom meetings.
