

YCMGA Board Meeting**April 14, 2021****IN VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE:**

Carol Parks	Susanne Beukema	Donn Callaham
Gin Galt	Pat Fritz	Linda Mason
Rita Canales	Amy Curtis	Kelly Moser
Terry Hart	Carol Parks	Polly Blum
Lisa Patterson	Sue Nesbitt	Tonia Beebe
Tom Canales	Heather Stoven	Marlena Bertram
Linda Coakley	Tom Canales	

Susanne Beukema called the meeting to order at 9:06 am. This meeting was teleconferenced because of the continuing requirements regarding the coronavirus.

Secretary's minutes for **March:** Donn motioned acceptance; Polly seconded.

Treasurer's Report: In First Federal Savings we have \$29867.11; in First Federal Restricted Savings \$10,377.50; in First Federal checking \$9,105.57, and in PayPal \$16.33. WE:

Increased the budget by \$1364.46 to reflect the vote to approve Jeff's bench reimbursement request.

We got a "donation" from Tech Soup for a QuickBooks upgrade. This costs us \$75 a year but will allow us to use QuickBooks online. (Without the grant we would have to pay about \$900 for it). We've set it up so that Susanne and Rita have access to the online QuickBooks so that they are able to see everything that is going on as well. Amy put this \$75 under office supplies, but maybe we can make a new budget category for it next year if we want to.

Plant Sale income is direct-deposited into our bank account every business day for the previous business day's sales after Shopify takes out the credit card processing fees. Their cut is 2.9% plus 30 cents.

President-elect brought up several requests for money from YCMGA. CERTS wants \$200 so they will patrol the parking during the sale. However they received

the money but were not present for the 2020 sale, so we debated whether or not to pay, and if so how much. We decided to offer \$100, to be reevaluated later. A great fear of accidents without CERTS presence was a motivator for many. We decided to not donate the \$250 requested for 4H Congress, and also not to donate \$390 for horticultural prizes at the 2021 fair. (Apparently someone has offered to donate that amount).

Heather Report: At this particular moment OSU does not predict any changes in the regulations for the Plant Sale. No promises, though; OSU vigorously creates rules re: COVID with little notice. If you have been vaccinated OSU doesn't care. OSU has provided no guidance yet on requirements for hours for 2021: best guess is that educational hours will stay the same, but the rest is a mystery. The Extension Office is now staffed Monday thru Thursday only, 9 to 3, and by appointment only.

Education/Outreach committee hopes to begin some actual outdoor activities perhaps by the end of the year, depending, again, on OSU's decision-makers. We may participate in the last session of the Farmers' Market. We may even have a field trip some day! A leader for the Zoom Chat sessions is needed.

Minnville Community Garden has had some plant losses due to the recent frost. For an unknown reason the people with raised beds are not showing up, but we still have produced 149 pounds of produce for YCAP. Raised bed schedule has people staggered (timewise) and kept apart, but that has not encouraged participation.

OMGA: **LAST CALL!** SUBMISSIONS FOR AWARDS AND GRANTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY. The organization is actually *seeking* applications for grants, so this would be a propitious time to apply for one. Only 61 people have registered for Mini-College. OMGA is seeking photos of Oregonians' gardens and of Oregon landscapes for 2

introductory slide shows. Mini-college now has a Facebook page for the public.

Garden to Table: The Zoom classes are going well, though many more mentors are needed to provide each client with a mentor. (Most of the current mentors are from the first class only).

Web/Publicity: The *News-Register* recently printed an article about our plant sale (which is a good thing). Gin and Amy will be updating plant sale inventory, labeling certain plants as "just added" because they had been held in reserve.

Mentoring Committee: Mentors are being reminded to encourage their mentees to get active, but the mentors don't, so the students aren't.

Spring into Gardening: The first class (Norm Jacobs) was very successful and well-liked, though there were a few technical problems. 70+ people have signed up for the Birds, and for Neil Bell's class, though only about 60% of the sign-ups actually show for the classes. That, though, does not include the people who view later, which anyone can do at any time on the website under "events." Altogether deemed a success.

Perennial Propagation: Warmer nights would be very nice.

Annual Propagation Committee is involved in reorganizing the greenhouse.

Plant Sale: So far there have been approximately 220 orders, *grossing* about \$13,000. Net income will be determined after the sale. Some plants are dead, some are stunted, and some haven't sprouted, so the crew is holding back 20% to 30% of the inventory to cover disasters. There have had to be some refunds because of over-selling particular plants, and Gin has the coveted job of informing people (by phone) that they are not going to get what they wanted. However, she is so skilled that she is actually getting people to profusely thank her for bad

news!

Multiple orders from the same party are being combined for one pickup date, BUT we have only about 30% of the people needed to staff the jobs at the sale. An email will be again sent to everyone. There have been lots of volunteers for the work that involves lifting, but they all specify that they cannot do any lifting. It is absolutely prohibited to have food or drink for volunteers this year, due to the imminent risk of COVID infectees contaminating the food. With trepidation Heather guessed that it might be safe to have sealed bottled water available, but the idea of sealed packaged candy bars was just too much to tolerate. Suggestions were made to supply ice packs, ice cream, and unlimited ibuprofen (all of which, of course, would create indefensible risk).

Demonstration Garden is actually looking rather well, particularly the roses. Coming are hibiscus, hydrangea, and lots of weeds. The group will be working on the garden every week.

Scholarship Committee and Awards Committee: Applications for scholarships are due by the end of April, but to date there have been zero applications. Awards are all awarded, and will be announced in June. OMGA is slightly behind in choosing winners.

YCMGA'S NAME: Although it doesn't sound like a hot issue, the "s" and possible apostrophe in our name created quite a discussion. The question was pro-found: Should there be an "s" after "Master Gardener", should it be "s" preceded by an apostrophe, or should it be "s" followed by an apostrophe? A lengthy and animated discussion followed, with fervent opinions shared and then shared again. All 3 versions are in use in various places. Apparently a lot of the problem originated with an anonymous YCMGA member who had "demanded" the name be written a certain way, had succeeded, but later had politely been asked to leave the organization (which he did). The correct-name issue was finally resolved with a consensus to make no decision for a month or so.

Polly motioned that we adjourn, Rita seconded the motion, and we did at 10:51 am.
