

YCMGA Board Meeting**June 09, 2021****IN VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE:**

Susanne Beukema	Donn Callaham	<i>Gin Galt</i>
<i>Pat Fritz</i>	Rita Canales	Amy Curtis
<i>Linda Mason</i>	<i>Terry Hart</i>	<i>Polly Blum</i>
<i>Sue Nesbitt</i>	Tom Canales	<i>Heather Stoven</i>
<i>Marlena Bertram</i>	<i>Marilyn McGregor</i>	<i>Gail</i>
<i>Linda Coakley</i>		

Susanne Beukema called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. This meeting was teleconferenced because of the continuing requirements regarding the coronavirus.

Secretary's minutes for May: Susanne motioned acceptance; Tom seconded.

Treasurer's Report:
 ⇒ First Federal (Checking) 15,993.99
 ⇒ First Federal (Restricted Save) 10,377.85
 ⇒ First Federal (Savings) 29,867.11
 ⇒ PayPal 32.66

- Gene has requested to be reimbursed for expenses for Garden-to-Table that would exceed Garden-to-Table's budget. However, we are in the process of submitting the request for grant money that would cover all of these expenses. Board agrees to reimburse Gene for these expenses before we have received this grant money. I think we should receive the grant money this summer sometime.
- Likewise, we need to pay the Community Garden for the tomatoes we sold on consignment. It is more than we budgeted for, but this is because we took these plants on consignment, so every dollar we are paying to the community garden was a dollar from a sale. I don't think we need the board's approval for this, but it is a little bit of a gray area since we are outside the budget on paper. The board voted to approve this amount and to cut a check to the community garden.
- I hope to create a new budget request form to make things easier for everyone. I will create a draft to bring to the next meeting to

see what people think. Some un-named MG's have trouble figuring it out, or don't read the instructions, or add their amounts incorrectly. Amy even promises she will call people who mess up and patiently reinstruct them on how to fill out the form.

- Amy will keep \$5000 in the checking account, and move the rest to savings.

Heather Report: There have been plenty of intakes this year; it is possible that beginning in July an MG can again work in the office on intakes. Outdoor classes are ok, but no meetings in person indoors. Outside we no longer have to endure masks!! The office will soon be open daily on the former schedule, and training for 2022 is now being planned. We are signed up only for the latter half of the year for Mac Farmers' Market—at least in Newberg Farmers' Market it would be hard to find enough people to even be closer than 6 feet. If you have a vaccine, it is quite worthless from OSU's point of view.

Education/Outreach committee is desperate for new leaders. Rita has resigned as the last remaining chair.

Scholarship Committee: Three scholarships have been awarded, all to exceptionally ambitious and qualified candidates. By sheer coincidence, one was awarded to Carla's daughter and one to Kelly's son. The third went to a Dayton student who was the state FFA vice-president for the last year.

McMinnville Community Garden has now donated 777 pounds of produce to YCAP. There is just one person in the raised-garden group who refuses to wear a mask, forcing everyone there to follow all COVID restrictions, regardless of vaccine status. The excess tomato plants from the plant sale were all donated to 4 McMinnville non-profits in addition to YCAP.

OMGA: The second quarter meeting featured a long talk by Gail Langelloto again covering MG activities. For our YCMGA chapter report, every committee (except for Spring-into-Gardening) supplied information, a great help to Polly. People are asked to sign up for Mini-College; planning is for 500 attendees, and only 200 people have registered. Cost is \$49. for all 12 presentations over 2 days.

Spring-into-Gardening: Nothing is happening. We have not been able to reserve space for next year, as the Community Center has placed a hiatus on all reservations.

Demonstration Garden roses are still healthy and robust, blooming profusely. Sue announced that anyone looking for a good time should join the group. The watering system is in, the ugly cypress are out, dead plants have been dug out, and work is commencing on a fountain (for beauty, birds, and bugs—not people). The arbor and bench need to be replaced, and Sue is asking people to make donations for the materials. She will email the request to all members.

Perennial Propagation: The group needs to be completely restructured. Pat and Marilyn have burnt out, though Gin is willing to be a *partial* leader, but not the only one. The group may be divided into teams for cuttings; seeding; procurement; and keeping the plants alive. They would like to emphasize education over production. Pat and Marilyn were noted for their over-the-top dedication to the event, and Pat added that they even did it graciously.

Plant Sale Committee: #1 comment from customers re: the plant sale was that it was an important event to everyone, and people look forward to the real in-person event in the future. People seemed to favor a mix of online and real-life sales.

Lafayette Community Garden: is now dead. For the reasons for this, see UP-DATE on page 2 of last month's secre-

tary's notes. It would have been a good project, and we all sympathized with Polly.

Awards/memorial Committee: OMGA MG-of-the-year and Behind-the-Scenes award nominations have been sent to OMGA, and will be announced at Mini-College. The Awards Committee earlier voted on and today presented 2 awards for YCMGA members. One was Master-Gardener-of-the-Year, who was Tom Canales. The other was "Behind-the-Scenes" presented to Donn Callaham. Both honorees were shocked.

A reminder that we need a leader now for the plant sale, another for perennial propagation, another for EOC, and even a president-elect. All board members are already quite over-worked, so Rita asked us to "reach out" and "twist some arms" to get other members to help out.

We have gotten to the point where there are too many committees to maintain by the 15 or so actually active members. This means that late this summer or early fall we need to do a complete reorganization, reprioritizing certain goals, and dropping a number of committees completely. We *might* get some guidance from OSU's new plan for Master Gardening Chapters. Perhaps about 12 members have quit MG's this year: Carla is keeping track but that doesn't solve the problem. It was suggested that when we reorganize, we should be careful not to duplicate any activities (such as special events) run by OSU or OMGA that might be similar to ours.

At 10:42 Polly suggested adjourning, Donn seconded the motion and we adjourned at 11:54 am.
