

IN VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE:

Susanne Beukema	Donn Callaham	<i>Gin Galt</i>
<i>Pat Fritz</i>	Rita Canales	Amy Curtis
<i>Kelly Moser</i>	<i>Terry Hart</i>	<i>Polly Blum</i>
<i>Sue Nesbitt</i>	<i>Tonia Beebe</i>	Tom Canales
<i>Heather Stoven</i>	<i>Marlena Bertram</i>	<i>Marilyn McGregor</i>
<i>Linda Coakley</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 April: Donn motioned acceptance; Polly seconded.

Treasurer's Report: We have the following funds:
 First Federal (Checking) 15,471.10
 First Federal (Restricted Save) 10,377.67
 First Federal (Savings) 29,867.11

- Amy will send \$100 to CERT - Wendy Hackman is contact.
- Amy will send a \$250 check to Mini College instead of sending auction items. No decision has been made by OMGA whether or not to have mini-auction, as only 2 counties have even offered to donate items.
- We voted to increase scholarship budget by \$1000 dollars.
- Move Zoom license from SIG to Management and Operations.
- Send out new report
- Amy will follow up on check to community garden for vegetables once sale is over.

President-elect thanks everyone for their work on the plant sale.

Heather Report: As of now, MG's will need to have 10+ hours of educational videos, but no other hours. Trainees are required to have only the 2020 minimum of total hours, which is 40 hours. There is the glimmer of hope that, OSU

willing, we can resume real in-person activities next October. Should not be much risk there! Appointments are no longer needed to access the extension office. People can just drop by during office hours, knock, smile, and wait to be allowed to enter.

Education/Outreach committee will begin planning some activities next month (June).

Minnville Community Garden has now, for 2021, donated 330 pounds of produce to YCAP. Effort was also put into raising tomatoes for the YCMGA plant sale.

Garden to Table has completed its last class for the season. Mentors are now at work assisting all the students. In general the format was good and the classes deemed a success on the whole. Students and mentors will all be surveyed. New classes will begin this fall. Someone did overbuy plants, but this time all the students were fully engaged.

Plant Sale group has been working feverishly for the past year to make the sale successful under the new (remote) format. For plants left over from the sale, the organizers are planning to have an MG-only clearance sale with everything left priced at half off. To streamline it, the purchases will have to be by check or exact cash amounts (no cards, no other forms of payment). Some changes are suggested for the sale in 2022:

- 1) Scale the sale down for 2022.
- 2) Change the perennial propagation style, making it more of an educational endeavor than a money-making scheme. To date we have tried to emulate a commercial nursery, which is way too much commitment for a few committed but quickly-aging volunteers.
- 3) Perhaps buy more plant starts, rather than creating them all from starts.
- 4) Perhaps have MG's do the propagation at their homes in their own greenhouses,

following instructions (video or in person) from the exhausted former leaders.

- 5) Aim for more participation in propagation, both for educational value and to spread the workload.
- 6) Turn leftover 4" pots from 2021 into gallons for 2022. Save current gallon plants to sell as super-gallon plants in 2022.

The committee asks that anyone who has ideas on how to improve the sale next year to share those ideas (in a considerate way). Suggestions include how to label plants (scientific name or common) for pickers, directions for pickers and quality checkers, organization of plants for the sale, etc. At the end Rita asked tremulously if she didn't have to make tags in the future; she was elated to find that she did not.

Demonstration Garden roses are stunningly healthy and robust, and even blooming. Kelly and Apryl spent days weeding and caring for them. People also commented on the free-form display of anti-cat crates covering the garden beds, though flowers would probably look better.

Awards Committee: Awardees have been chosen, and the OMGA nominees will now be vetted by Heather and then OSU. "MG of the Year" and "Behind the Scenes" awards will be presented at the June board meeting. OMGA awards will be announced at Mini-College.

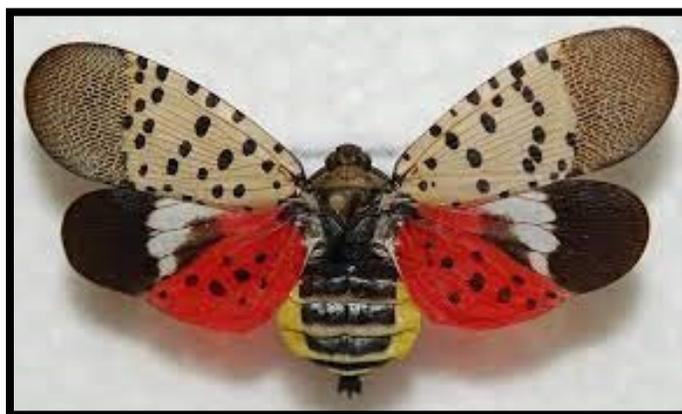
Scholarships: There were 6 applicants for scholarships, including 2 renewing theirs. None are from McMinnville: 2 are from Dayton, 1 from Newberg, 1 from Amity, and the 2 renewals. The budget is \$2000 for 2021, and we have \$4700 saved (money budgeted but not yet spent) minus some plant sale expenses. So Polly motioned for us to add \$1000 to the awards for this year, Tonia seconded, and Sue suggested that perhaps we could be more competitive in the awards, and they might be awarded later in the year.

Lafayette Community Garden: Over the past months Polly has offered to run a community garden in Lafayette, and she has been procuring several thousand dollars in grants and materials for it. She already procured a plot for the garden, ordered groundcover cloth and wood for raised beds, and received a promise of a custom tool shed built on the property.

(UPDATE: Polly had planned it as a Master Gardener project, and because of that Lafayette wanted a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with OSU. As we are all acutely aware, trying to get OSU's legal defense team to make a decision is legendary in its complexity, glacial slowness, and lack of action. It is estimated by experts to take at least one to one and one-half years for a decision to be made, and consequently the garden idea has been cancelled for 2021.

Because of this major delay, Polly has decided not to be involved in the Lafayette Garden Project any more, now or in the future. After spending so much effort and time getting it all together, she is not interested in starting all over again.)

At 10:42 Polly suggested adjourning, and just seconds later Rita seconded the motion. We adjourned at 10:42 am.



One of horticulture's many nemeses, the Spotted Lanternfly.