

**YCMGA Board Meeting****July 12, 2021****IN VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Susanne Beukema</b>	<b>Donn Callaham</b>	<i>Gin Galt</i>
<i>Pat Fritz</i>	<b>Rita Canales</b>	<b>Amy Curtis</b>
<i>Linda Mason</i>	<i>Terry Hart</i>	<i>Sue Nesbitt</i>
<b>Tom Canales</b>	<i>Heather Stoven</i>	<i>Marlena Bertram</i>
<i>Gail Stoltz</i>	<i>Gene Nesbitt</i>	<i>Jeff Fahey</i>
<i>Kelly Moser</i>	<i>Lisa Patterson</i>	<i>Polly Blum</i>

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

**S**ecretary's minutes for June: Polly motioned acceptance; Rita seconded.

**T**reasurer's Report:

I. First Federal (Checking) 3,901.0

II. First Federal (Restricted Save)  
10,378.02

III. First Federal (Savings) 38,885.37

IV. PayPal 17.50

Amy Transferred money from checking to savings so \$5,000 is left. We have a couple of outstanding checks so that is why Quickbooks is showing \$3901.

Amy has been working on the new check request form, making multiple lines for expenses, a drop-down menu, and functionality in both electronic and hard copy forms. She welcomes feedback and suggestions.

**E**ducation/Outreach: A lecture is being planned by Westerfall of the Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District, covering the use of pesticides. There will be no Farmers' Market participation until fall at the earliest. Polly is planning the casino native plant field trip for July 23 (Friday). The EOC will next year be divided into two divisions: the social event unit, and educational unit. Apryl, Kelly, and Gail Stoltz will be the socialization part, but no one has volunteered for the educational aspect. Suzanne will lead the entire operation next year. There will be a meeting at 9:30 am on August 21, to discuss the demo garden and hear a lecture by Heather about pollinators.

**H**eather Report: We are still required to do contact tracing recording of group work sessions (including all

work in the office). The office is now open 5 days a week, and the staff is slowly adapting to live humans again (and disappointed that they can no longer wear their pajamas to work). The trainees need to sign up for their intake experience in the office, after which MG's are asked to sign up to work with them. To date, however, only 2 trainees have signed up for the training. The trainees are required to have only 5 hours of clinic experience, and can even do it online. (How one could do training online was ignored).

It is forbidden to ask anyone if they have been vaccinated. You can announce your own status, but should not even hint at that of anyone else. A mask is suggested in case one is inadvertently working with an anti-vaxxer. There is no other legal way to protect yourself from unvaccinated people. People suggested we have a secret handshake, have colored bracelets, or wear happy hypodermic stickers. All those ideas are categorically criminal.

Meetings will begin at the extension office in the fall, virus and OSU willing. We are not supposed to talk to or have any contact with the public, a policy which could not work in the office. It is "required" that one person be in the MG office, and the other (probably client) at the front counter for all in-person intakes. Since that would be virtually impossible, we are seeing clients at the front desk. The good news is that we believe it is unlikely that office personnel would narc out an MG to OSU. We were reminded by members that none of this is of Heather's making; she is merely the messenger cursed with explaining the OSU "decisions."

**S**cholarship/Awards Committee: All is quiet. 230 people registered for Mini-College, and we were reminded that attendees can watch all the material at any time online. Rita and Suzanne were moderators.

**M**innville Community Garden personnel are currently working at processing 5000 Walla Walla onions. They are, of course, harvesting and have now donated 2966 pounds of produce to YCAP. There are enough volunteers because all bed gardeners are forced to volunteer.

**Mentoring Committee** is meeting in person now and planning for 2022.

**Spring-into-Gardening:** Becky Karver has decided to drop her role of cochair, so a replacement is needed.

**Garden-to-Table:** Planning will begin in August, and new classes are set to begin in February. The mentoring program was not a success. Some participants just don't want the mentors around; their gardens at home are apparently doing acceptably. The group is now working on a procedure manual for all functions of the program.

**Demonstration Garden** is progressing well. The new water feature (bubbler in rocks) is installed, a stone raised bed has been built for a future tree and shrub, and the new arbor is finished. Kelly is completely restoring the iron-and-wood bench beneath the dogwood. The group would like a knowledgeable MG (not that we all aren't) who could help identify the herbs, and eventually we will have to replace the wooden raised beds. However, everything will be ready for the county fair. There is also a desperate need to get rid of the old fountain: it's in 3 (very heavy) parts and could be restored. Donn has offered to help anyone who wants it to move and load it into a truck. AND IT IS FREE!

**Perennial Propagation:** Pat has hesitantly volunteered to be a spokesperson for the group, but made it very clear that SHE WILL NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BE A LEADER. The group has had only 2 sessions because of the intense recent heat, which would destroy the cuttings (and probably the MG's as well). 8 to 12 people attend each session, including 4 new members. There will be much less plants than last year: the focus will be on learning from now on, rather than on production. People are bringing plant material from home (and from neighbors) to make cuttings. There is a list of desired cuttings available. If you would like to donate some, contact Marilyn. Houseplants are also needed, but of course no patented plants can be used. The group is exploring the option of buying starter plants from nurseries as the primary source of plants for the sale. Propagation trays and small pots are also needed because the existing supply actually melted from the heat in the greenhouse!

Pat asked if the unused \$500 for publicity in the plant sale budget from this year could be allocated

to purchasing plants, and a vigorous and pointless debate began. It was "do-nothing-now" versus "Do it right now." (The money would not be *spent* now, but used to reserve plants at nurseries for next spring). After a singularly repetitious discussion the membership pushed for a resolution: Amy proposed allowing the use of the \$500 for plants, Tom seconded the motion, and nearly all board members voted for the change.

There was also a question if non-certified MG's could participate in propagation. It seemed to be agreed that they could, though Suzanne felt they should be select people. Most of us felt we should take anyone we can get. That was not firmly decided, though most agree that being a legally licensed MG is really irrelevant to the work.

**Annual Propagation:** There will be a meeting at the Wiser Pavilion after the fair, directed by Linda Coakley. If you like working with Linda and want to be involved, email her.

**Plant Sale Committee:** The committee has decided that there is no need for 4 chairpeople, particularly in light of the fact that only one person has volunteered for the role (Gin). The next sale may be a hybrid of online and in-person, as both are very popular and successful. In her usual efficient manner, Gin is composing a chart listing pros and cons of each. The business aspect of the sale would be good for training MG's, as would inventorying. Next meeting will be in August.

**Other Business:**  
**YCMGA's legal name:** (This is in reference to calling ourselves Master Gardener (singular) or Master Gardeners (plural) and whether or not an apostrophe should be used). Donn suggested we do the same as OMGA and as on our checks (singular, no apostrophe). It was agreed to go that route, after checking the legal ramifications of making the slight name change.

**Vacancies needed to be filled:**

Vice-President  
 Spring-into-Gardening chair  
 Propagation Chairs  
 Education/Outreach co-chair

*At 10:57 Polly suggested adjourning (just as she did last month), Rita seconded the motion and we adjourned at 10:57 am.*

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