

IN VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE:

<i>Susanne Beukema</i>	<i>Donn Callaham</i>	<i>Pat Fritz</i>
<i>Rita Canales</i>	<i>Amy Curtis</i>	<i>Linda Mason</i>
<i>Terry Hart</i>	<i>Sue Nesbitt</i>	<i>Tom Canales</i>
<i>Heather Stoven</i>	<i>Marlena Bertram</i>	<i>Marilyn</i>
<i>Kelly Moser</i>	<i>Lisa Patterson</i>	<i>Linda Coakley</i>

Susanne Beukema called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. This meeting was teleconferenced because of the continuing requirements regarding the coronavirus.

Secretary's minutes for June: Tom motioned acceptance; Kelly seconded.

Treasurer's Report:
 First Federal (Checking) 3,642.39
 First Federal (Restricted Save) 10,378.38
 First Federal (Savings) 38,885.37
 PayPal 163.90

- OMGA has lost their treasurer (how we do not know). Somewhere in the OMGA shuffle our DOJ form did not get filed, so it was filed late. We had a \$40 fine for late filing. We didn't actually have a charge from the DOJ last year since we made so little, so the \$40 was all we owed them.
- Our treasurer has done nothing with the new check request form she came up with, but she'll work more on it soon.
- Amy has started researching what it would take to change our name to be consistent across the IRS, State, DOJ, checks, and website. The biggest hurdle is going to be the State because we actually used to be "Yamhill County Master Gardener Association" and "dissolved". Anyway, Amy wrote the state a letter about it but hasn't heard back yet. So, basically nothing has happened.

Heather Report: A vaccine card is now required for all indoor MG activities. Also, more than 25 people outdoors will be carded, so it would be wise to restrict groups to 24. Having events would be pleasant, but no one is willing to have to card the public, so as long as that is in effect we won't have any public events at all. We don't know if having a negative COVID test would be admissible. But who wants to stick long q-tips up the public's noses anyhow? We are all still required to wear masks.

MG training for 2022 will be hybrid, unfortunately. Good news that Luke Westfall can do his event

with grant funding, so it can be postponed to December. Take note that the OSU rules do not pertain to Farmers' Markets and similar events. There has been very few sign-ups for the Houseplants seminar, and we need over 20 for it to happen. We now have less than half that.

Minnville Community Garden has now donated 10,990 pounds of produce to YCAP. Fall and winter crops have been planted, the pumpkins this year were puny but are still useful as food. Staff is experimenting with cantaloupes next year.

OMGA Reps: The summary of YCMGA accomplishments has been completed, and is being published in the October *Grapevine*. A report on Mini-College is in the works. Unfortunately, some people did register but did not attend because they couldn't mentally survive another Zoom event. Attendance was about half the usual amount.

Web and publicity: Tom wants to get out of the publicity business, and would be eager to help anyone take it over. The website is being updated, and Tom is asking all MG's to check it over for needed changes. People can either tell Tom about needed corrections, or Tom will show them how to make the changes themselves.

Mentoring Committee: Members will hold a meeting outdoors at the fairgrounds (being highly diligent about safety). They expect perhaps 20 or so students, since the program will be virtual and many are sick of that. Mentors will still be needed, but not many.

Spring-into-Gardening will almost certainly be another virtual event this spring. Reservations cannot yet be made at the Community Center because the center itself is putting all plans on hold due to changing disease requirements.

Garden-to-Table program is winding down, but it went "okay." There were 2 complete failures of students, both due to lack of family support. There will be a class in English this winter, and one in Spanish next spring. YCAP is now our community partner, meaning that it is now in charge of grants and funding. The committee members are the same as before, but Spanish-speaking instructors are needed. Also needed are a co-coordinator and a plant and seed

coordinator, which should be an ideal job for someone who likes to deal with inert things (rather than people).

Demonstration Garden is still being improved. The hideous Hinoki cypress have been removed, and a stone raised bed built. In the fall a "Blue Angel" white pine and Japanese cryptomeria will be planted in the raised bed. The bubbler is bubbling, but only when all banks of lights are on in the pavilion. A solution to this electrical dilemma needs to be found. The water lines are now functional and at the correct pressure; we need the information to make a map of the water system. A future project will be to research and write a synopsis of the history of the garden, which was begun in 1989. Sue suggested changing the name to the "Educational Garden."

Perennial Propagation group is now meeting weekly, with 10 to 12 people attending. 6 to 7 of those are new this year—a very hope-inducing statistic. Cuttings are completed. The committee is asking for clean one-gallon pots and 4-pack trays and 6-pack trays.

Annual Propagation: Nothing living in there, but it will be necessary to repaint all the benches. (The original spray paint was too thinly applied to prevent rust, and rust is now widespread). We will need one or two people to remove the trays; Jeff and Donn will clean down to bare metal with wire brushes; 2 people will be needed to paint (with brushes this time).

Plant Sale Committee: Everything is in a state of organization and planning now. Gin is drafting a chart comparing on-line and real venues, hopefully to pick the best features of each. She is also compiling a new inventory list for 2022, and a budget is being planned. The next sale will consist mostly of purchased plants and those that Patti Gregory has raised for the sale.

- **New Business:**

- People are needed to work the Farmers' Market, particularly for the first shift with setup. Clinics have been happily busy: 30 contacts at Mac. Market and a number of people at "AgFest" interested in becoming Master Gardeners. Tom won't be available for a while due to his parents coming here from out-of-state (which a number of us heard as "outer space," and which Tom did not deny).
- Help is needed in many areas: publicity, SIG chair, greenhouse benches, an EOC cochair, 2

chairs for the propagation committee, and president-elect. Details on all these positions will be in the October *Grapevine*, published promptly on the first of the month.

- The U.S. Post office in McMinnville would like YCMGA members to maintain their landscaping, a project now done by just one person.
- Nominations for board members must be made by October 04, preferably with the nominee's knowledge. Susanne said people need to "twist some arms" to get a new president-elect. Amy suggested Tom for that task, as she has, through personal experience, found him to be an effective arm-twister for YCMGA.
- The "New class representative" has now served for 2 terms, and a new one should be selected for 2022. The current rep's term will end in December, and the new one will begin in March.
- It was vigorously pointed out that Marlena, who has not yet held an office, REALLY SHOULD VOLUNTEER for one.

We will not have a board meeting on October 26th, as we'll be having the planning meeting at 9:00 am on October 20th instead. Sadly, it will be 6 hours of Zoom meeting but we'll take a 30-minute break for lunch.

All MG's are asked to read the YCMGA manuals on "Box" and either update or ask Tom to do it. Pay particular attention to certification requirements, committee chairpeople, policies & procedures, and update web forms.

At 10:30 Donn suggested adjourning and Kelly seconded the motion. After singularly brief goodbyes, we adjourned at 10:30 am.
