

**IN VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Donn Callaham</b>	<b>Amy Curtis</b>	<b>Linda Mason</b>
<b>Sue Nesbitt</b>	<b>Heather Stoven</b>	<b>Marlena Bertram</b>
<b>Gin Galt</b>	<b>Linda Coakley</b>	<b>Rita Canales</b>
<b>Linda Mason</b>	<b>Pat Fritz</b>	<b>Sandie Beaver</b>
<b>Gail Stoltz</b>	<b>Terry Hart</b>	<b>Susan Burdell</b>
<b>Marilyn MacGregor</b>	<b>Carla Stables</b>	

**Sue Nesbitt called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. This meeting was teleconferenced.**

**SECRETARY'S MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2022:** Gail motioned acceptance; Susan Burdell seconded.

**NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:** Sue reminded everyone that a budget is just an 'educated guess' and can be altered when necessary. When money is needed for a project beyond the budgeted amount, the committee responsible is to put together a summary of the need, and bring it before the board.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Amy reminded everyone to pay their dues. The Fuchsia Fund is not a separate line in the budget, because of the complexity of doing that. The amount in that fund is \$517., which must be used for fuchsia-related *educational* purposes.

Amy reminded everyone that she will not be treasurer next year, adding that it could be "such fun for someone else." Asked to elaborate, she stated—after a very long pause—that the job "could probably be rewarding for some people." That was the extent of her endorsement. Amy will work with her successor.

**HEATHER REPORT:** Classes right now are remote modules; the first hands-on class is 2/24. The first Level-up class will be on Facebook live, with a maximum of 500 participants.

**EDUCATIONAL GARDENS:** Both gardens need seasonal upkeep. The office garden will be cleaned up on February 16th, and weeding is needed. To our amazement, Heather

actually wants some of the arum which has virulently infected the fairgrounds garden. She also requests gardeners to save pruning of some bushes until after the pruning class.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN:** Staff has arranged for Garden-to-Table to have the use of 3 beds, all distanced from each other.

**EDUCATION/OUTREACH:** Miller Woods staff has requested help planting native plants. Though we normally do not do work for other people, we may do this because of the close relationship we have with YCSWCD.

Terry discussed the operation of the new "Friends of YCMGA" fundraising campaign. Those who donate \$200 or more are Supporters, and donors of \$500 or more are Sponsors. We now have 8 Supporters and 4 sponsors for 2022. Companies which sign up will have banners for their business posted at events, and will also receive a certificate of thanks to display. The funds are to be used for all educational activities, not for specific events.

Since we now have no way to separate donations from other sources of income, Terry proposed having a separate budget line for that. Marlena made a motion to adopt this change; Gail seconded; all approved. The board of directors (rather than a committee) will decide how the funds will be used.

At present we keep no records of in-kind donations, and we should. Gail proposed that we have a group in charge of that; Amy seconded. However, we want to have a functioning committee before voting. At this point Susan made a motion to form a formal "Friends of YCMGA" committee; Amy seconded; all approved.

**GARDEN-TO-TABLE:** Classes will begin 2/19/22 with 34 participants registered, 55% of whom are low-income. There are 12 mentors, 3 of whom will be operating in Newberg. More mentors are needed, and they need not have any contact with clients. A Facebook page is being created to use as a help line for the program.

**MINNVILLE FARMERS' MARKET:** As far as we know YCMGA participation will be every other week (because of a dearth

of volunteers). We have not yet been approved by the market to participate biweekly, but we have been approved as vendors. The market will commence in May. The Newberg market is pending and nothing has been decided.

**P****LANT SALE** pickup will be Thursday 5/12 through Sunday 5/15. There will also be an in-person sale at the Wiser Pavilion. Marcia has completed the artwork and posters are being made.

The fair board will no longer allow us to use the shed for box storage, so the plan is to store them at the back of the Wiser Pavilion on the shelves. There will be several classes held in the pavilion before the sale, but hopefully the classes can be on the picnic tables outside.

Got plants to donate? If so email Gin immediately. Plans are also being made to organize this years sale better by training plant pullers *ahead of time* on the identification used and locations of plants during the sale. The type of plant (such as bush, annual, vegetable) will also be listed on Spotify to promote efficiency. There will be an article in the *Grapevine* describing the upcoming sale.

**H****OSPITALITY** committee will for now provide only coffee and hot water (plus, we hope, packets of dried drinks to put in the water). Trainees and mentors will take turns supplying snacks. A job fair will be held 3/17/22; people can either be there in person, or have a display set up instead.

**P**erennial Propagation: All plants will be removed from the greenhouse by 3/08 to comply with Linda Coakley's mandate. A seeding day will be held, after which participants will take the planted seeds home to germinate and mature.

**S****CHOLARSHIPS:** Evelyn DuMonte and a mystery person have joined the committee. All materials have been sent out.

**P**ublicity: If Tom had received all the information he needs re: the Spring-into-Gardening classes, the website would be complete. However, he is awaiting information on the irrigation class. Though it is not her

responsibility, Carla promised to do that.

**S****PRING-INTO-GARDENING:** The website is complicated and needs professional assistance from Amanda, which will cost us \$166.25. Rita motioned to increase the SIG budget by \$166.25; Amy seconded; all approved. There will be maximum of 25 bodies at each workshop, with non-Master Gardeners given preference. Therefore MG's are asked to wait to sign up until one week before each class. However, MG's can come just to help (and may incidentally see the class at the same time). Five helpers will be needed.

**A****UDIT:** The report was completed and received, no anomalies were found, and everyone had a good time.

**F****UNDRAISING COMMITTEE** is waiting for a report from the "Friends of YCMGA" committee before meeting and making any decisions. Note: *Gail and Suzanne on not on the committee.* .

**I****N-PERSON MEETINGS:** Perhaps we will be able to meet in person in March, or perhaps not. Or maybe April. Carla, planning for the vague future, has reserved and will set up the room in case we do meet human-to-human.

*At 10:45 am Susan motioned to end the meeting, Amy seconded, and that's what happened.*

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