

IN VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE:

Susanne Beukema	Donn Callaham	Pat Fritz
Amy Curtis	Linda Mason	Sue Nesbitt
Heather Stoven	Marlena Bertram	Gin Galt
Gene Nesbitt	Linda Coakley	Rita Canales
Gail Stoltz	Terry Hart	Susan Burdell
Rosemary Didear	Marilyn MacGregor	Carla Stables
Ry Vonblaricom	Nancy Woodworth	

Sue Nesbitt called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. This meeting was teleconferenced because of the continuing requirements regarding the coronavirus.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2021: Marlena motioned acceptance; Susan Burdell seconded.

TREASURER REPORT: There have been a few requests lately by people for the treasurer to put donated money into a budget category. That's not how our accounting works. We have different income categories and she can add donated money into the one of those that makes the most sense; for example, is it a "contribution" or "member dues".

The plant sale and Spring-into-Gardening each have their own income category to track what they make. The treasurer can't take a donation and earmark it for a specific budget line, like greenhouse. The greenhouse budget is an expense line item, not an income line item. Our accounting methods aren't set up to have specific, restricted pots of money like that and it would require a pretty big overhaul and someone a lot more knowledgeable to do that sort of thing.

"Friends of YCMGA" is something that was apparently discussed at some meeting, but was never mentioned to the board. Because this is a new plan, Gene will discuss it at the February board meeting. As of now, it does not formally exist.

Because Gin's check was not processed in time for 2021, we discussed Amy moved to increase the budget to solve the problem. Amy motioned that we carry \$200 for the plant sale to 2022, Donn seconded, and the motion was carried.

RESIDENT-ELECT REPORT: Susan reported that she enjoyed this meeting beyond any others: it was her first meeting.

HEATHER REPORT: Class sizes will be limited to the number already enrolled. Because of distancing requirements, existing Master Gardeners will not be able to attend any of the workshops this year, though they of course may view the webinars. Covid restrictions are still in force, so classes will be both indoors and out, depending mostly on restrictions.

Recertification for MG's has reverted to the requirement of 20 hours of volunteering, and 10 hours of education. This may be reevaluated later in the year if necessary. Contact tracing is being continued. Carla will add the names of anyone interested in doing remote intakes to the list of those who do them.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The name of George Migaki (who was a weed expert and who died recently) will be added to the memorial plaque in the Extension Office.

AWARDS & MEMORIALS: Nancy has completed the complex task of updating all the "hours" plaques, and will install them momentarily. A new plaque has been created for 8000 hours, with but one person on it: Alan Wenner.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: Financial donations are requested for YCAP food supplies, and we are encouraged to read the *News-Register* article about YCAP. The garden is supplying 3 8' x 12' beds for Garden-to-Table participants. There will be a 1:00 meeting on February 17th.

EDUCATION/OUTREACH: Susanne is now the chairperson, and Rita the vice-chair. Because of **a dearth of volunteers**, attendance at Farmers' Market will be only every other week (rather than weekly). The first clinic of the year will be at the Camellia Fest, and the next at Farm Fest.

MENTORING COMMITTEE: Students have been placed in groups, and everything is ready to go. Rosemary Didear has joined the committee.

GARDEN-TO-TABLE: The first class in English will be February 19th. Five mentors are locked in, but **more are needed**; there will be no limit on class sizes. Classes will be 50% Zoom and 50% hands-on. For Newberg and Dundee residents classes will be held at the Episcopal Church Community Garden.

Classes in Spanish will go from April 9th through May, and classes in English will finish on April 4th. Acceptance is limited to low-income families first, and for them it is free. The recent grant is paying for all costs except printing, and another grant may pay for that.

GREENHOUSE: The crisis described in the December notes has, we hope, been temporarily averted. Tape is now tentatively holding the greenhouse cover together; the whole cover will be replaced by an experienced crew (*NOT US*) in the summer.

PLANT SALE pickup will be from May 13th to May 15th. The sale MAY be open for in-person shopping that same Sunday, if the open pavilion is available.

Jeff and Tom are responsible for collecting boxes from now until the date of the sale. A very welcome change will be some education for volunteers re: locations of plants, the system of organization, and clarifying which names will be used for the plants. Pick-up will be held similarly to last year, blocking off a section of the fairgrounds, with other activities going on at the same time. Meeting for planning will be January 26th from 10:00am to 12:00 pm. Pickup times will be limited to one weekend, and shopping time will be 2-3 weeks (vs. 8 last year).

Promotion will begin right now: Amy will create the graphics, and Marcia may supply the graphic artwork. **Plant Pickup from May 13th to May 15th: in-person shopping may be offered on Sunday, May 15th**

HOSPITALITY: GOOD NEWS! We are now allowed by OSU to have food at meetings. Even homemade food will be allowed!

"TO THE ROOT OF IT" radio program is now being produced each week by Ray Vanblaricom and Kyle in the sound studio, also known as

Kyle's kitchen.

PUBLICITY: Tom needs to have **someone else share the work load**. He would like to do the website only, as that is his area of expertise. Help from Amanda (a paid person) is needed to set up the web site for the 4 workshops, so Tom would like a budget item added for "web assistance." Tom will propose a budget at the February board meeting.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Counselors will be contacted in February, 2022 is being wrapped up, and **another person is needed for the committee**.

OMGA: A master Gardener from Benton county, Janet Magadanz, a retired CPA, has volunteered to be the treasurer. Mini-college planning meeting is on January 24th, on zoom, at 2:00. Want to attend? Contact Chris Reusch (OMGA president).

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Polly will continue on the job, and asks anyone knowing of an MG who should be contacted, to notify her.

AUDIT: Forms need to be organized and date set. Gail, Susanne, Amy, and Susan will do it.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE does not exist yet. Amy, Susanne, and Rita have volunteered and **need people to give them "brilliant" ideas**. Care must be taken not to have an activity which may compete with our sponsors.

I-N-PERSON MEETINGS: We all know the answer to that: more covid = more Zoom.

At 11:06 am Donn motioned to end the meeting, Amy seconded, and that's what happened.

Spring into Gardening Workshops Notes by Rita Canales

Minutes January 10, 2022

Attendees: Terry Hart, Carolyn Nyquist, Gene Nesbitt, Sue Nesbitt, Heather Stoven, Becky Karver, Carol Parks, Rita Canales

We are keeping the name Spring into Gardening and adding Workshops.

Seed Starting- March 26 at Greenhouse area

Sue will need to purchase soil, seeds, containers and handouts for the class. She has a downloadable handout that is 24 pages long that will need to be printed. This will help facilitate the talk and people can read along with it if need be. It covers containers, lighting, watering, temperature, etc. She will also have a handout on Resources, Where to find locally the components of Seed Starting.

We will need to have access to tables to add to the tables next to the Greenhouse and extra chairs. Terry has 2 tables and Rita has 8 folding chairs. We also may need to use the 2 farmer's market popup tents and Rita's popup, depending on the weather. Sue will come up with a plan of how to position the tables to accommodate the distancing for COVID.

She will need the assistance of other MG to help with the hands on part of the workshop.

We are planning on the maximum of 25 people. If there is more interest, there will be a waiting list and can add a class in the afternoon.

Terry will get water bottles from Les Schwab. We decided no snacks. But possible individually wrapped snacks.

Hanging Baskets- April 16 in Wiser Pavilion

10" baskets can be bought online for about \$15 for 2. We will need around 5 plants to fill the baskets. O'Hana's should be able to supply the soil for the baskets. We decided that we should charge \$25 for the supplies for the hanging baskets.

Heather will check with Melissa for suggestions of what plants we should purchase, if she will have handouts, what soil and additives she recommends.

Raised Beds- June 4

He will need to have materials for the demonstration raised beds and possible take home small container like raised beds.

He will be meeting with Gene and Terry next week to discuss. It will most likely be at Botten's.

Irrigation- June 11

Carla has been helping Gene with this. If they cannot get some of the other contacts to teach the class Carla said her husband could teach it since he has taught it before. Gene will need to purchase various irrigation kits for hanging baskets, raised beds, and containers for perennials, veggies and annuals. There will be at least 3 work stations. Gene is also contacting Raindrip for handouts. .

We decided, I think that we will charge \$15 for each workshop. The Hanging Baskets will be \$25 plus \$15.

We are hoping that most of the details will be finalized by February 1.

Sue checked our budget we have \$3000, with the registration fees and the materials fee of the hanging baskets and the donations from the Friends of YCMGA we should have plenty of money to cover all costs for SIG, including the speaker' stipends and gifts.

Publicity

We need descriptions of each of the talks for the flyer and for the web site sent to Rita and Tom hopefully by January 17.

We may have 2 flyers, a flyer for the first 2 workshops and a flyer for the second 2. We will try to include the logos for the companies and if not their names will be listed.

Carol will contact Apryl to see if she will put together the baskets of items that we already have for our Door Prizes. We will need 4 baskets, one for each workshop. We already have one mostly done on birds and insects in the garden. We are hoping to give the wine in the baskets or for other prizes.

Next meeting will be February 1st at 1:00 pm on Zoom.