

**YCMGA Board Meeting****March 09, 2022****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>Heather Stoven</b>	<b>Pat Fritz</b>	<b>Terry Hart</b>
<b>Gail Stoltz</b>	<b>Carol</b>	<b>Susan Burdell</b>
<b>Susanne Beukema</b>		

**Sue Nesbitt called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. This meeting was teleconferenced.**

**SECRETARY'S MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2022:** Gail motioned acceptance; Susan Burdell seconded, just as happened in January.

**TREASURER REPORT:**  
We received a large donation from Benevity, due to the volunteer hours reported. Apparently an employer pays a non-profit organization for the hours donated by an employee? **Does anyone else have a relationship with them?**

The Treasurer is contacting Julie to see how she got started with Benevity. The treasurer will again remind those who have not paid dues to do so. However, she does not have records of who is a lifetime member, nor of members who have abandoned YCMGA. She will send a reminder through Carla, and then again later in the year (after we have cross-checked the list of certified MGs to remind people to pay their dues).

*Qualification for "Lifetime Member" is to win the State "Master Gardener of the Year" award or to earn at least 2000 hours. Life members are not required to pay dues, but often do as a friendly gesture. It is also possible to be a **Non-certified Member of YCMGA** by paying dues, but not completing the hourly requirements. In this case a member can join in all YCMGA activities **except** clinic work.*

**HEATHER REPORT:**  
At the moment there are no changes in behavior expectations from OSU. Though the state no longer requires usage of masks, OSU, ambling along to the beat of no one's drum, still is requiring them. No one knows when that

will change.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN:** Planting and publicizing are ongoing. There is hope that since the horticulture program and greenhouse are functioning at McMinnville High, MG's may become involved.

**EDUCATION GARDENS:** We had a short but spirited discussion of the miseries of Italian arum. It cannot be eliminated, but we will continue to attempt eradication. Pruning of bushes around Extension Office had to be done quickly (within a few hours) due to painting of the building (now a spirited prison grey).

**EDUCATION/OUTREACH** has scheduled various off-site clinics. There will be one at Farm Fest (4-09), one at the Newberg Camellia Festival (also 4-09), and *possibly* at the Fuchsia Festival June 12th. We are on a waiting list for the Garden Faire, but right now it is completely booked. At the Fuchsia Festival we can use our dedicated fuchsia funds to perhaps make something with fuchsias. We may also have a trip to a pollinator garden and to the Public Works landscaping. Upcoming classes are 4-16 Hanging Baskets, 6-04 Raised beds, 6-11 Irrigation.

**GARDEN-TO-TABLE:** Classes are 50% completed for the 6-week program. Spanish classes will begin in several weeks; at the moment 9 people have signed up, and 15 is the desired number. The low-income participants (50% of the group) are making plant lists; about half of them will be getting containers, and the others a raised bed. All materials and soil are provided to participants at our cost. Mentor ratio is 1 mentor per 5 students, and 3 people from last year's Newberg class are becoming mentors this year.

**MCMINNVILLE FARMERS' MARKET:** On 5/12 we will begin participation every other week in McMinnville. We could do more if we had available personnel.

**MENTORING COMMITTEE** is in the midst of providing office training classes, and has finished the first session. Part two will begin in 2 weeks. Scheduling has been difficult trying to coordinate mentees with times available for mentors.

**G**REENHOUSE at the moment has a maximum of 15 people allowed in the building. If you desire to be in the greenhouse with Linda Coakley, let her know.

**H**OSPITALITY: Students supply the snacks for Thursday classes. The committee will supply snacks for 2 off-site events and for Spring-into-Gardening. Coffee from "Flag and Wine" store will be supplied, sold at cost to us by the store. This will require an extra \$200. After making and seconding a motion, we discovered that the \$200 is already in the budget, so the whole thing was cancelled. Gail needs help! Since we were talking about food, we took a break to eat snacks, while the Zoom participants could watch and envy us.

**I**NSECT COMMITTEE: Committee will be meeting the first and third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

**O**MGA: Mini-college has been renamed the "Joy of Gardening." It will take place July 29th and 30th, with registration opening in April. There will also be tours and trips, and a banquet Friday evening. Donations for the silent auction are still needed.

Gail Langellotto expressed her disappointment in the lack this year of state funding of the Master Gardener program, resulting in a shortage of staffing. **Apply for your grants now!** The "Search for Excellence" grant may be solicited to pay for Spotify for the plant sale. Absolutely anyone can apply for a grant: Susanne has the template which needs to be followed.

**P**ublicity: Four workshops and the plant sale are being publicized. Again Rita pleaded for people to notify Tom of anything (such as events) they want on the website. If Tom does not know about it, he has a hard time writing about it. Same holds true for the *Grapevine*: we cannot write about what we don't know is happening!

**S**PRING-INTO-GARDENING: There will be door prizes, but no raffle. On 3/26 will be seed starting, on 4/16 hanging baskets (which is not open to Master Gardeners, as we

already have 25 participants), on 6/04 raised beds and on 6/11 irrigation.

**P**LANT SALE: All plants are removed from the greenhouse, and organizing for the sale is under way. Plants will be sorted by type (as annual, groundcover, tree, etc.) and listed with both common and botanical names to facilitate MG's finding them. For the same reason the name and category of each plant will be listed in Spotify. The 2 jobs left are to assess all plants for suitability for the sale, and to make tags once assessment is finished.

**P**ERENNIAL PROPAGATION: After plants are all evaluated (see above) decisions will be made as to what plants to buy for the sale. Customer service planning will take place near the end of March; we have a good supply of heathers plants. Candace is the leader of the buying team.

**S**CHOLARSHIPS are on hold at the moment: applications should start coming in April.

**S**OCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE: We've said it before and assuredly have to say it again: **LET TOM KNOW THE DETAILS IF YOU WANT PUBLICITY FOR ANY EVENT!**

**S**UNSHINE COMMITTEE: Remember to notify Polly if you have a serious injury or death.

**F**UNDRAISING COMMITTEE has not met yet. The Friends of YCMGA have not met yet either. Payment for table purchased for off-site clinics will be billed to the Education/Outreach budget.

Motion to end meeting by Gail.  
Seconding of motion by Susan  
Meeting terminated at 11:48 a.m.

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