

ATTENDANCE:

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| <i>Donn Callaham</i> | <i>Amy Curtis</i> | <i>Linda Mason</i> |
| <i>Sue Nesbitt</i> | <i>Heather Stoven</i> | <i>Marlena Bertram</i> |
| <i>Gin Galt</i> | <i>Linda Coakley</i> | <i>Kelly Moser</i> |
| <i>Heather Stoven</i> | <i>Pat Fritz</i> | <i>Terry Hart</i> |
| <i>Gail Stoltz</i> | <i>Carol Parks</i> | <i>Susan Burdell</i> |
| <i>Susanne Beukema</i> | | |

Sue Nesbitt called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES FOR MARCH 2022:

Sue Nesbitt motioned acceptance; Susan Burdell seconded, all concurred.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer is emailing members who have not paid their dues. She received a letter from OSU requesting financial support for 4H. The request is for \$75 for horticultural awards, which the treasurer remitted.

Some people are still using the old forms to get refunds on expenses; PLEASE use the current form (which is also on the website). The treasurer needs the information on the current form to know where to place the expenses.

We still need a treasurer. Carol will contact other counties to find out if they split the treasurer job between two people, and if so how they do it.

President-elect thanked everyone for the experience of being president-elect for several weeks, and announced that she has resigned the position. Now we need a new one.

Awards & memorials: The suggestion was made to have a memorial "tree" (two-dimensional) with each leaf commemorating a dead Master Gardener. This would be instead of the current memorial? It would hang in the office area, could be any dimensions. Amy, Susanne, and Nancy will determine whether or not to have it, tentative format, and whether or not it will replace the existing plaques.

COMMUNITY GARDEN has at this point donated 450 pounds of produce to YCAP. Invitations have been emailed to all people who have expressed an interest or have had a planting bed in the past. Next meeting 4/20/22. Two trainees have signed up to participate. Fortunately all the seedlings were in the greenhouse and have been weathering the

abusive weather well.

EDUCATION GARDENS: The Extension Office gardens have been pruned and cleaned up. The two large ceanothus at either end of the building have finally given up their valiant fight to stay alive, and will be removed. One will be completely removed (except for roots) and the other will become a sedum display stump, which people will have to see to comprehend the idea. The intrepid *arum*, which was severed at the base and treated with 100% glyphosate, has happily resprouted and is growing robustly.

EDUCATION/OUTREACH: Our booth at Farmfest was very successful, recording 200 contacts. The Camellia Festival was also productive, and we were placed in the best of locations (which we have already reserved for next year). Lavender Festival is coming up.

There is strong interest in youth-oriented programs. Unfortunately none of the MG students signed up to work any of these special events. Several requests have been received:

- 1) Participation in a summer program sponsored by the McMinnville library, titled the "Happy Bee" program (presumably for kids).
- 2) Classes taught at the Senior Center. Both programs are under the auspices of the Parks & Rec. Department; these requests will be investigated and debated before acceptance.

MCMINNVILLE FARMERS' MARKET will begin on the same day as the end of the plant sale. Every other week a booth space is reserved, but we need people to sign up to run the booth.

MENTORING COMMITTEE has completed a successful season. Alternate mentors were needed only twice, and many trainees have signed up for the desk. There will be quarterly meetings during 2022, plus desk operation classes for anyone who wants them in April and again in May.

NEWBERG FARMERS' MARKET: No one knows at this time the status of this market as the one person responsible has been unreachable for a number of weeks.

GARDEN-TO-TABLE: The English-language Garden to Table classes were finished last week. We had 32 people complete the 6-week course. Approximately 60% were self-declared lower income. The low income participants have received their raised beds or containers. Plant orders are in progress. The mentors will continue working with their

mentees throughout the summer.

The Spanish-language Garden to Table classes started last week with 11 registrants. We have 5 bilingual instructors/ translators leading the 3 zoom classes as the primary presenter or facilitators of the discussions. They will also be helping with the 3 demonstration sessions. There are 10 current Master Gardener trainees who expressed interest in the Garden to Table program, in addition to one who has already been working in the program. Two are bilingual. They will be assisting with the demonstrations and materials and plant orders.

Annual Propagation: We were notified that someone has absconded with a small plastic table, and that it had better be returned IMMEDIATELY!

HOSPITALITY: An additional approximately \$350 will be needed for buying ready-made coffee (for various events). Amy motioned to add \$350 to the budget for 2022, Marlena seconded, and everyone agreed.

Insect Committee has had its first meeting in two years, and turnout was good. Meetings will be on the first and third Wednesdays of every month, at 9:30, from now on.

PLANT SALE: Tagging is being done; trainees were involved and were highly responsible. Amy sent in a \$5 check to obtain the temporary nursery license, which they could in theory reject and request \$10 for due to the length of the online shopping period, but we're banking on that not happening since they allowed it last year. The Garden-to-Table orders are being filled, providing valuable practice on plant "pulling" for the plant sale. A walk-through assessment is being done to sort out the really pathetic plants.

All plants raised at home are needed to be delivered the week of 4/18, so they can be added to the Shopify list. Gallon plant sales have been very successful and there will be more this year. We will be selling them for less half of the retail price and still make a good net from them. We also are buying six-packs of plants, and transplanting them into 4-inch pots for sale. Finally, Jeff Fahey is donating some humongous tomato plants, in 3 varieties.

The plants for next year will be started this fall, if there is enough energy left in the committee to do it.

SCHOLARSHIP Committee: There is still one scholarship which has yet to be claimed by the student to whom it was awarded. Sue has been repeatedly trying to reach the student but with no success. If necessary it will go to another student. All counselors have been re-contacted: the applications are due by the end of April..

SPRING INTO GARDENING: Two of the classes have been completed. The next class—hanging baskets—is completely full of students, and also overloaded with Master Gardener "helpers" who were excluded from the class. Because of the surplus of purported "helpers" we will need more pop-up "roofs" because not everyone will fit in the pavilion area. Also because of the quantity of Master Gardeners who wanted to take the class, another identical class may be offered this spring. Education Garden crew will be building 3 hanging baskets for the Education Garden, and interested parties are invited to help.

The irrigation class has only 12 registrants. Raised bed workshop has 16. The SIG classes are not meant to be fundraisers, but they all cover their own costs and taken as a whole they do actually earn some money for YCMGA.

New Business: the next YCMGA board meeting will be changed from May 11th to May 18th so as to not interfere with our plant sale. At that time there will be a review of the plant sale. Whether or not it will be a hybrid meeting—who knows?

Infamous Name Change Debate: Amy again brought up the question of what the name of this organization should be. Her remark was met with a collective groan from the board, as this is a subject we have been studiously avoiding solving for at least half a year. Not surprisingly, the decision was—put it off for another month (or more)!

Motion to end meeting by Marlena.
Seconding of motion by Amy.
Meeting terminated at 11:30 a.m.
