

YCMGA Board Meeting**June 08, 2022****ATTENDANCE:**

Donn Callaham	Amy Curtis	Sue Nesbitt
Heather Stoven	Marlena Bertram	Gin Galt
Linda Coakley	Pat Fritz	Rita Canales
Susanne Beukema	Gail Stoltz	Sue Nesbitt
Gene Nesbitt	Rosemary Didear	Maxine Wayda
Nancy Woodworth	Tom Canales	Candace Van
Zanden	Cynthia Norcross	

Sue Nesbitt called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Sue Nesbitt reread the YCMGA bylaws, and discovered that, if an officer resigns, the president has the authority to APPOINT a member to fill that position. Wielding that new power, (and with the agreement of the appointee) Cynthia Norcross was appointed to and filled the position of President-elect for 2022.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES FOR APRIL 2022: Amy Curtis motioned acceptance; Cynthia Norcross seconded, all concurred.

TREASURER REPORT: Jeff Fahey's check request came in at more than is in the budget, so we needed to vote to increase the Spring into Gardening supplies and materials budget by at least \$325.81 to cover his expenses and more if they are anticipating more expenses in that category. We need to plan for long-term predictable expenses and repairs (e.g., greenhouse wall, floor, and skin, etc.). Linda Coakley will chair a group to do this planning, and to schedule the Bailey employees to replace the greenhouse skin. If necessary the board votes can be done on Zoom, or by email with certain restrictions.

HEATHER REPORT: The desk has been busy as expected, and this year's students are, for the most part, working out very well. Planning for next year's class is focusing on a hybrid model similar to this year.

AWARDS & MEMORIALS: Names of winners of Master Gardener of the Year and Behind the Scenes person have been related to OMGA. They will be announced at the YCMGA social on July 16th. No one was nominated for OMGA awards, as recipients of those awards must be intensely involved in OMGA to be considered.

COMMUNITY GARDEN has supplied 1251 pounds of produce to YCAP. Planting is progressing.

EDUCATION GARDENS: Watering systems have all been installed to all beds and baskets. Hanging baskets have been installed.

EDUCATION/OUTREACH had a booth at "Compostpalooza", but there was only one intake, and just three contacts. Gloria Lutz was there doing worm composting totally on her own; in the future perhaps she could be part of the YCMGA crew. There will also be a clinic at the "Garden Faire", and Anna Ashby will do a "Happy Bee" presentation at the McMinnville Library.

Cindy Kinnamon may help coordinate us with the newly-revived horticultural program at McMinnville High. At the Yamhill County Fair on 8/05 there will be seed-planting for kids. A student wants to arrange for kids' activities every day of the fair. How much we would participate is up for discussion. Clinic sign-ups are, for once, excellent. Most shifts are full; shifts will be in 2-hour units from 11:00 to 4:00.

McMinnville Farmers' Market is going very well, with all shifts filled EXCEPT for set-up and tear-down responsibilities.

NEWBERG FARMERS' MARKET: Shelly Toombs has volunteered to plan and operate this market for now; we are very confident that she will do an exemplary job. We are considering a Dundee market as well.

2022 PLANT SALE: Since a number of plants were left over from the sale, another sale was held just for MG's, which earned \$700. There were 4 salesfolk at the sale, but only 12 customers. Then Mac Hub took all the rest of the plants, to be distributed to local non-profits.

One person works full-time for 2 to 3 months to keep up with the inventory on online sales, making an in-person sale look rather inviting. Using barcodes is being considered. For buy-in perennials, several members will buy hostas and Japanese maples at the coming Garden Faire. The goal is to keep this amount below about \$200.

Chairpeople are still need for the whole show. This month a group will begin planning for next year, hoping to make more opportunities for small jobs for individuals who will be in charge of only one task.

We decided to keep Shopify active (only \$9/month) , even if we have an in-person sale in the future. The information on Shopify cannot be uploaded to our website, however. With this plan more MG's may be involved, and each of those will be a mentor to others. Gin will lead these planning meetings, and a subcommittee will be formed to deal with plants that are surplus at the end of the sale in 2023.

PERENNIAL PROPAGATION work has now begun. The committee would like to have people sign up to lead just one weekly session, making the job more palatable to many. The first four weeks are now covered.

GREENHOUSE: Linda Coakley has informed YCMGA that the greenhouse must be completely cleaned out by 11:00am on 6-15 at the latest.

GARDEN-TO-TABLE is done with classes for now. The format worked well, participation was not as much as hoped, and some former participants taught the bilingual classes. There were three former trainees teaching the bilingual classes. Mentors are expected to maintain regular contact with their mentees. Half of the grant was used this year; the rest will be used to purchase lumber later in the year.

HOSPITALITY: \$50 will be added to the budget, to pay for pre-made coffee.

OMGA REPORT: The treasurer reported that they lost \$10,340 for this quarter (a figure which would be given meaning if compared to total invested). DEI task forces are at work, and some chapters have their own. OMGA is seeking more MG's to join their statewide task force discussing this critical topic.

This year there is a surplus of qualified grant requests, and after lengthy discussion the consensus was that the current budget would not be exceeded and that the committee would determine the amounts to be awarded for each of the grant requests. Though there is no plan to make a profit on Mini-College, if there happens to be one the funds would go toward fulfilling future grants.

SCHOLARSHIPS: There were only two applicants this year, so the \$3000 budget will be divided between the two. Though we have about \$10,000 dedicated to scholarships for McMinnville High horticulture students, since there has been no horticulture program there have also been no applicants.

Since the program is rumored to be coming back to life, this should change.

There is one student who won a grant a year ago, but never completed the actions needed to claim it. After phone calls, multiple emails, and even a personal phone call with the student's mother, Sue still cannot stir up a response. Members felt that Sue should try no more with this student, and instead the unclaimed dollars be put into the fund for future awards.

SPRING-INTO-GARDENING has done well, and will be over by the time you read these minutes. Though we don't yet know total expenses and the expenses were more than expected, generous donations were obtained. The classes were well-attended and well-received in spite of the often-malignant weather. At one class everything was outside in the rain, with rain coming down between tents and soaking everything. Surveys could not be filled out because all the paper was so wet that it couldn't be written upon.

New Business: Graduation is again being planned to be in-person and at the Heritage Center. Reservations must be made now for the event. Members generally agreed that having the event on a weekend is preferable to having it on an evening during the week, particularly for people who are still productive members of the work force.

The final moments were taken by Carla, who has been spending weeks trying to get people to pick up items they forgot at classes. Some were willing to take items which fitted them, but Carla's solid ethics prevented her from submitting to their wishes.

Motion to end meeting by Gail.
Seconding of motion by Marlana.
No one even took the time to vote.
Meeting terminated at 12:04 p.m.
