

ATTENDANCE:

Donn Callaham	Amy Curtis	Sue Nesbitt
Heather Stoven	Marlena Bertram	Gin Galt
Linda Coakley	Rita Canales	Tom Canales
Gail Stoltz	Terry Hart	Nancy Woodworth
Linda Mason	Gene Nesbitt	Susie Allen
Marilyn McGregor	Carla Stables	Pat Fritz
Star Thompson	Mary Ann Nolan	

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

SECRETARY'S MINUTES FOR JULY 2022: Gail motioned acceptance; Marlena seconded, all concurred.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer reported that all financial statements have been sent to members.

HEATHER REPORT: Planning for next year's classes is now happening. The classes will be similar to this year, with hybrid mix of online and in person, due to the current lack of instructors available. Level-up continues. There will be more students (25) next year than this year. A class on the emerald ash borer is planned for November 7th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A nominating committee consisting of Terry, Beth LaForce, and Marlena Bertram has been formed to try to find candidates for all the officer positions. Anyone even slightly interested in taking one of the positions is implored to contact the committee right away.

GRADUATION is planned for Sunday, November 6th, beginning at 1:00pm and is being held at the Yamhill County Heritage Center. It will be one of the famous YCMGA potlucks! There will be a short board meeting beginning at 12:15 pm, to vote on the 2023 budget. A myriad of awards presentations will begin at 1:00 and continue until done. The awards budget should be cut next year, due to the increasing costs and decreasing revenue. Graduation budget *for this year only* was raised to \$1400, with Amy motioning and Gail second-

ing.

AWARDS BUDGET was increased by \$400, to \$900 to cover expenses already incurred and for future expenses. Donn made this motion, and Amy seconded it.

TREASURER POSITION: The idea of having two people do the treasurer's job was rejected as being unbalanced and inefficient.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: It was noted that ALL the vegetables distributed by YCAP are supplied by only one farmer and the community garden. Fall crops are now planted; the garden has supplied 7341 pounds of produce to YCAP so far this year.

Education Gardens are pretty much in a holding pattern right now. The near-deaths of 3 major plants at the extension office garden appear to be root failure, but 2 of the plants are recuperating to some extent. Also, the ceanothus which we were planning to remove (due to death) suddenly got a grip and rejuvenated itself dramatically. As far as the Italian arum is concerned, the garden workers have carefully avoided looking at it, for fear that they'll discover that it just won't die no matter what violence they inflict upon it.

EDUCATION/OUTREACH is still seeking a volunteer(s) to work with McMinnville High School students on request. There are three opportunities coming up to earn hours: Vermiculture on October 1st, fuchsias on October 7th, and Emerald Ash Borer on November 17th. Full details will be found in the October issue of *The Grapevine*.

MCMINNVILLE FARMERS' MARKET: The market will end October 13th. The table that was missing has completely disappeared, and will have to be replaced.

MENTORING COMMITTEE is looking for more mentors from the 2022 class. There are enough veterans so no more are wanted. Contact Terry if you are interested.

P**LANT SALE:** 2 co-chairs are still needed, plus lots of volunteers for the many various jobs. Dealing with the Community Garden has changed: this year the sale committee is ordering specific varieties of tomatoes and paying for the plants up front. There will no longer be returns. There will be many more bought-in plants than there used to be, and Gin will determine retail prices for each. New "Square" equipment will be ordered to replace the current outdated equipment.

P**ERENNIAL PROPAGATION** now has 3 co-chairs: Deb McKee, Mary Ann Nolan, and Linda Selheim. Patti Gregory is retained as a consultant; Ground covers (sourced from MG's homes) will be added. Growing is on hold until the onset of cooler weather. **Needed are square 16" by 16" flats, and 4" pots.** The greenhouse has received its new "skin", and personnel are again thinking about floor replacement.

G**ARDEN-TO-TABLE** is finishing 2022 classes, and planning for 2023. 75 participants are now signed up for 2023 (plus 15 on a waiting list), and the committee is working on obtaining sites from sponsors. The committee is working with the local housing authority; these are the desired participants for the classes. Instructors are needed for hands-on lessons.

H**OSPITALITY:** Saturday has been chosen as the best day of the week for the annual YCMGA Planning meeting & potluck. People will be assigned dishes for the potluck, going by grouping by last names. Rita will be in charge of the next event.

I**NSECT COMMITTEE** has had a good turnout of both members and insects. Members also have made presentations re: specific insects. Gin stated that participating in this committee is really fun, unless one of the specimens gets out of its container. At that point, it "becomes quite exciting".

O**MGA REPORT:** One of the biggest projects is to try to convince the Oregon legislature to finance the Master Gardener program sufficiently. Sherry Sheng is leading this effort and asking members to sign up for a 10- hour commitment. At this point the legislature is not even filling vacant positions, so a strong lobbying effort is needed. A representative from the Yamhill County chapter is requested. A new "Culture of Gardening" blog is being planned by the DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) group.

P**ublicity:** Tom is still seeking a new Publicity chairperson. Heather and Gene will work on writing and promoting one or more articles regarding the YCMGA program.

S**pring into Gardening:** The committee had difficulty finding a location for the event. The original location (Community Center) limited the number of rooms available to the point that it could not be used. The event will be held at the "Church on the Hill" in McMinnville. The event will take place on Saturday, March 18th, and the theme will be "Changing Landscapes."

Y**CMGA PLANNING MEETING** will be held on October 08, and will include a potluck. Committee chairs are asked to *get their budget requests organized and elaborated* well before the event to facilitate planning the 2023 budget.

Marlena motioned to adjourn the meeting, Amy seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 11:48am.
