

YCMGA Board Meeting**May 10, 2023****ATTENDANCE:**

Star Thomson	Terry Hart	Carolyn Nyquist
Donn Callaham	Sue Nesbitt	Gail Stoltz
Linda Mason	Susanne Beukema	Mary Ann Nolan
Gin Galt	Tom Canales	Marlena Bertram
Donn Callaham	Linda Coakley	Polly Blum
Nancy Woodworth	Susie Alin	Debby McKee
Maxine Wayda	Carla Stables	Gene Nesbitt

Sue Nesbitt called the meeting to order at 8:02.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES FOR APRIL 2023: Susanne motioned for approval, Tom seconded, all approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Plant sale gross receipts were \$22101.27. Net will be determined after outstanding expenses come in; approximately \$7,426 has been spent as of this date.

MAY CARLA REPORT: ECCO training is beginning, and each Master Gardener has to open her/his account online. Farmers' Market needs people to sign up for the 11-5 shift through July and August. Since people don't want to do set-up, Carla has made the generous offer of letting someone who sets up stay for the whole day (to earn clinic hours). People are needed for Newberg Farmers' Market as well, which is open from 4pm to 8pm.

Carla wants photos to put in her Master Gardener calendar for 2024.

PLANT SALE: It's OVER! The sale went very well, and customers were generally pleased. The preferred method of payment was by card; though the fees are substantial, the convenience and alacrity of the transactions made up for that. Wrap-up meeting will be May 25 at 10:00 Am. Venue for 2024 will not be discussed at this meeting, but it was noted that Church on the Hill was a perfect host: accommodating, helpful, and plenty of young help. Also, Gin apologizes for getting overexcited and yelling at some people. She begs their forgiveness.

PERENNIAL PROPAGATION: Leaders reported that everyone got along well. Plants are now growing, so will not be discarded after all. The next project is to recover the grow alley floor. They will continue to meet Tuesdays at 9:00am.

AWARDS: The YCMGA awards have been chosen and will be presented at the ice cream social. OMGA would like to have winners of state

awards attend the ceremony at Mini-college. YCMGA graduation and awards distribution will be on Sunday, November 12 at the Heritage Center. We pay for the venue, and OSU pays for the awards themselves. Gail made a motion to accept the budget amount for the ceremony, Susanne seconded, all approved. There will be no DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) award this year because the requirements are very strict and overly labyrinthine.

EDUCATION GARDENS: Tom is itching to remove the hydrangea tree next to the rose trellis, as it is shading the roses. He will replace it with a "Little Free Library" he built, and requests that people bring in gardening-related books to stock it.

In the extension office garden, Donn installed a large hollowed-out stump, which he planted with a variety of sedum. (A descriptive sign for the sedum is in the works). He also planted a decorative contorted hazelnut tree to replace the removed chastity tree. He also built and installed a bird feeder support for Vickie's pleasure.

OMGA ADVOCACY TASK FORCE representative Marlena Bertram attended the State of Oregon Ways and Means Committee meeting in Roseburg. Few speakers were allowed the time to speak, though Chris Rauch did get a chance. Seeing the vast number of organizations and agencies requesting funding was an eye-opener.

COMMUNITY GARDEN has nothing to harvest yet because of the unusually cold spring weather. All available beds have been rented for 2023.

EDUCATION/OUTREACH: Events being planned and scheduled are:

- Linfield campus plant walk.
- Native plants used by Native Americans talk.
- Tissue culture classes.
- Winter containers.
- Grafting.
- Tissue culture class at Bailey's Nursery.
- Two upcoming plant clinics.
- Mac Garden Fair will be 6/11, the County Fair and HarvestFest in August.

There is a "Bee smart" educational kit for kids, which is available for use by Master Gardeners. It has been paid for by a grant, and a digital copy of the kit instructions and contents will soon be available. This kit may be used in its entirety in a classroom (enough supplies in the kit for 30 students) or parts of

it may be used at clinics and/or farmers' markets. Also needed is an update of people listed as public speakers; there are obsolete and dead people now on the list, and there are requests for MG speakers for other groups.

MENTORING COMMITTEE has now got desk teams operating (students with a mentor) and that is going well.

GARDEN-TO-TABLE: Plants have been ordered and purchased from various sources. The first federal grant for irrigation system has been received (\$350). There are 85 students and 13 mentors participating at the moment.

HOSPITALITY: The intention was to have a pizza party at the plant sale (for workers) but it did not materialize. However, a pizza party will be sponsored at Wiser Pavilion on June 25, the time to be announced.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Not a single application has yet been received, and the scholarships awarded last year have yet to be claimed.

INSECT COMMITTEE: Insects are waking up and coming into the extension office now (in bottles, not on their own). All members are invited to join the committee when it meets the first and third Thursdays of every month, at 9:30am at the extension office. First meeting will be on May 4.

OMGA REPRESENTATIVES: Gail Stoltz attended the most recent executive board meeting. The "Joy of Gardening" conference will be July 8 and 9, in Corvallis. Also, OMGA dues will be kept at \$7.00 per member for this year.

SOCIAL MEDIA is, at the moment, virtually dead. We need a competent replacement for the person who originally intended to do it. Perhaps a student MG would like to get involved?

SPRING-INTO-GARDENING COMMITTEE has paid a deposit to Church on the Hill for next years event; this venue has been more desirable than previous locations.

WE HAVE A NEW BOARD MEMBER: Our representative for the 2023 class is now Colleen Kuchta.

Tom Canales motioned to end the meeting,
Gail Stoltz seconded the motion;
the meeting ended at 11:35pm.