

**ATTENDANCE****Star Thomson**

Linda Mason

Polly Blum

Carolyn Nyquist

**Donn Callaham**

Mary Ann Nolan

Maxine Wayda

**Susanne Beukema****Sue Nesbitt****Tom Canales**

Dennis Quenville

Linda Coakley

Gail Stoltz

**Nancy Woodworth**

Pat Fritz

Candace VanZanten

Susie Alin

Heather Stoven

**Sue Nesbitt** called the meeting together at 10:02 am**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Tom motioned for approval of September Secretary's minutes, Susanne seconded, all approved.**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Budgets need to be turned in now for our planning session. A donation of \$500 from First Federal Bank, and a donation of \$40 from "Network for Good" have both been received. However, no one at the meeting was familiar with the "Network for Good" or the origin of the donation. If anyone is familiar with the reason for this donation, they are asked to contact the Treasurer.**OCTOBER HEATHER REPORT:** All Master Gardeners are being reminded that they have only 20 days left (from the day of this meeting) to earn enough hours to graduate. Sign-ups for participation in the 2024 MG class will begin this week, with a goal of beginning classes in late January of 2024.**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** YCMGA annual meeting will be on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. It will begin at 9:00 am and continue until lunch (which will be potluck). Graduation and awards ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Sue questioned whether Master Gardeners could tolerate two potluck events within 2 weeks. In total agreement we affirmed that eating is one of the favorite hobbies of our members, and the two events would be welcomed.

Last year there was an issue of not enough food for everyone at the graduation event, due to both misunderstandings about what to bring, and the fact that some people brought a large number of guests. We considered having YCMGA supply the meat, so Polly researched costs. They proved to be substantial, so we decided as an informal group to have members supply all food. To organize a bit more than last year, we will (1) set a limit re: how many guests each participant may bring, and (2) require an RSVP from all participants. Tom moved to make these changes, Gail seconded, and all approved.

**AWARDS COMMITTEE:** The committee has chosen four "One of a kind" recipients, despite the name of the award. The winner of the "Golden Trowel" award was chosen, and Nancy is now doing the gold-plating. The "business of the year" will be Botten's Rental; Nancy is assembling a new "Business of the Year" plaque, and her husband is churning out the plaques themselves. (Blank plaque boards are available, but as of 2018 cost \$60.00 each, making our production of the plaques at \$0.00 each a no-brainer).**2024 PLANT SALE:** The plant sale will be at the Yamhill County Fairgrounds in the Leslie Lewis pavilion next year. The issues with lack of parking have been worked out, and the parking availability is now in a contract. There is now a \$600 nonrefundable deposit required by the Fairgrounds, but it is by far the best location for us as far as minimization of plant movement is concerned. Tom motioned to approve the fairground location, Star seconded, and all approved.**EDUCATION/OUTREACH:** The hardwood propagation class, taught by Norm Jacobs, will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Newberg High School would again like to have Master Gardeners assist their students in the high school greenhouse and will contact Cindy Kinnamon to plan. McMinnville High would like similar help, but their class schedule is very difficult for volunteers to accommodate. There will be special activities for kids from now on at all Farmers' Markets, and possibly at other clinics as well.

**OMGA REPRESENTATIVES:** Multiple positions are still available on the Executive Board of OMGA; contact Nancy if you have the urge to become a mover and shaker at OMGA.

**GREENHOUSE:** A planning meeting was just held; shade cloth will soon be removed, and help is requested for that job.

**PERRENIAL PROPAGATION:** Linda Sellheim and Mary Ann Nolan are now the committee chairs.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN:** Major changes are happening with the management of the garden. Linda Mason and her husband will be ceasing their participation on October 31<sup>st</sup>. (Linda has been doing this for 13 years). Alan Wenner will be the chairman until someone is appointed permanently. YCAP's fiduciary support is also ending on November 31<sup>st</sup>, due to a required policy change at YCAP. The church which owns the property will temporarily take their place. The church will, as far as we know, continue to supply water and electricity at no cost to the garden. A new Garden Boss and organizational plan are now being sought.

**EDUCATION GARDENS:** The fairgrounds garden tour included 30 participants and was highly successful. The garden is now winterized. Donn shared an interesting plant specimen which had died and he had removed from the extension offices garden. It was a Cistus, age at least 15+ years, which had been large and thriving nearly all that time. It turned out the shrub had been originally planted *on top of* landscape fabric and had a root system only 3 inches deep!

**MCMINNVILLE FARMERS' MARKET:** The last market of the season has now taken place. Lori Gamroth will be in charge of children's activities next year.

**GARDEN-TO-TABLE:** 30 people are now enrolled in classes, with plans for 2 low-income classes next year. One grant has not yet been received, but there is still time this year to apply for a different grant.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** There is a new person in charge of the Newberg High hort. program, so possibly the hiatus on high school interaction with YCMGA will come to an end.

**WEBSITE:** Marla Soppe-Navetta will be taking over the website. She has her own website and experience in running one; any questions re: the website should now be directed to her. Amanda Greene will still provide tech support for a very reasonable hourly fee.

**SPRING-INTO-GARDENING** theme is now "Gardening for Your table." Speakers are being sought. The question of whether or not the local garden club could sell tickets at OUR Farmers' Market booth was brought up: the answer was NO. They can hand out fliers instead.

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE** will now also recognize members who are going through difficult times, in addition to those with physical ailments.

**NOMINATION COMMITTEE** has 3 people willing to be members-at-large. Susan Burdell will be alternate OMGA representative, and Star will be vice-president. She took the job with trepidation, but is now committed to it.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Yes, the Shopify database can be imported, and Gin will do so. Tom and Susanne will find a home for the database. Candidates will be announced at the 10-28 planning meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Voting for candidates will be online; Carla will send out ballots. Candidates need to send a flattering self-portrait (probably from 30-40 years ago) and a brief biography of MG activities and goals.

Gail motioned to end the meeting, Tom seconded, all approved and left at 11:41