Benton County Master Gardener Association
Board Meeting
December 1, 2014

In Attendance: Kathy Clark, Brooke Edmunds, Susan Hoffman, Paula Lupcho, Janet Magedanz, Mary Mellard, Steve Naberhuis, Pami Opfer, Sandy Piper, Sheila Schweizer, Jana Tindall, and Lynn Trimpe,

Location: Benton County Extension Offices

President Janet Magedanz called the meeting to order at 8:56 a.m.

Garden Haiku: Susan Hoffman opened the meeting by reading garden haiku that she had written.

Mission Moment:

- Jana Tindall reminded board members of the Master Gardener Greens party December 3rd at 10:00 at the Benton County Fairgrounds.

Gardening Moment:

- Janet Magedanz has heuchera and geranium cuttings plus baby caryopteris from her yard that she believes will survive for the spring sale.
- Steve Naberhuis has been successful in harvesting mason bees.

Recording Outreach Hours: The board discussed the confusion that Master Gardeners report regarding how to record outreach hours. There are also inconsistencies among Oregon's counties in general, reflecting a lack of state-wide standards. Sheila Schweizer, Paula Lupcho, Kathy Clark, and Pami Opfer will serve as an ad-hoc committee to draft a policy to define Master Gardener outreach hours. This draft will be taken to the state Master Gardener Association for others to review in the hope of triggering discussion and clarifying the issue.

Adoption of Minutes: The November minutes were adopted as written.

2015 Budget: Steve Naberhuis reviewed the budget line-by-line.

- The Master Gardener Association is now being charged for copying done in the Extension Office. After discussing how printing and copying have been done and paid for in the past, it was **moved, seconded, and passed to decrease the Contingency Fund by $500 and to create a new line item for $500 for printing under the General / BOD / Committee section of the budget** which will include all printing costs.
- It was also **moved, seconded, and passed to combine the current-year plant sale expenses and the next-year plant sale expenses into a single-year budget item.**
- It was then **moved, seconded, and passed to approve the 2015 budget as amended.**

International Convention Contribution: It was **moved, seconded, and passed to pledge $500 for three consecutive years, 2015, 2016, and 2017, to support the International Master Gardener Convention.**

Extension Express Reminder: Paula Lupcho reminded the board that December 8th is the deadline for the January-February issue of the Extension Express. Articles should be sent directly to Pami Opfer.

Logo Information: The Master Gardeners cannot alter in any way the OSU logo to reflect a conference or activity, for example for Insights into Gardening. A new state-wide logo is being designed that will include the name of each county to use for that county's Master Gardener programs.

Extension Report:

- Pami Opfer reported to the board that Benton County has 20 applicants to the 2015 Master Gardener Training Program. They are still accepting applications. The Plant Problem Scenarios will be presented before lunch this year. Pami will post a list of the training classes.
- Seed-to-Supper is scheduled at six sites as a trial this year. Child care is available for one or two sites.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

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Sandy Piper
Secretary