

**LINCOLN COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**March 5, 2018**  
**Newport Public Library**

**Board Members Present:** Sharon Busby, Donna Davis, Marlene Shapiro, Diane Primont, Liz Olsen, Lynne Holland, Lindsay Clark, Mary-Ellen Townsend, Kristi Kind, Deanna Trail

**Non-Board Members Present:** Cathi Block, Jeff Olsen, Michael Christy, Maureen Chaplain, Anne Geyer, Dawn Henton, Pat Shaw, Alanna Miklic

Meeting called to order by Co-President Marlene Shapiro at 10:03 am

Announcements

- The next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, April 9, 2018, from 10-12 noon at the Newport Public Library.
- Brought in some seed catalogs to share.
- Northwest Nurseries are having a late blooming Hellebore sale March 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The next General Meeting is set for March 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 -12. at the South Beach Community Center. There will be seed and cookie exchanges and a vote will be held on the 2018 budget.
- The candidate meetings for Liz/ successor went well. All great people!
- Fertilize your Mind is happening in Coos Bay. The cost of registration is \$30
- Will be distributing a list of positions for corrections before posting the official one.
- Mary-Ellen is looking for basil, parsley & cilantro growers for the plant sale. The main grower is not able to do it this year.

Financials

Sharon Busby presented the financial reports via power point, The new income is from more dues getting paid and the proceeds from the Seafood & Wine fundraiser. There are still 12 people left to pay dues. One of the CD's is coming up for renewal. Some of that will be put into use for the expenditures we have approved and the remainder will be rolled over for another term. No questions were put forth on this month's reports. Sharon advised that check requests can be put in the treasurer's envelope located on top of the refrigerator in the office – no need to wait until you see her in person. She checks the envelope often.

Minutes

Kristi Kind asked if anyone had any changes or corrections for the February Board minutes as emailed out to previous meeting attendees (2/25/18 version) and in the absence of any corrections asked for a motion to approve. **Diane Primont made a motion to accept the Febuary minutes and Lyndsay Clark seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Committee Reports

- Educational Greenhouse – Cathi Block and Alanna Miklic spoke about their visits to Master Gardener greenhouses in Marion and Polk counties. Marion County's greenhouses (2) are used exclusively for growing their plant sale starts. They have a 2yr renewable lease with two days to vacate. Marion County MG Association has 248 members and a \$35k annual budget. Polk County's 90-100 MG Association members are maintaining a 7 acre city park via a 10yr renewable contract and they have a greenhouse at that location. It is open to the public and

has a list of rules posted at the front door. They have not had any significant problems with insects. It's worth the drive to go see!

- Seafood & Wine – Jeff Olsen advised that 27 MG volunteers were involved in this year's fundraiser and a good time was had by all. Gross sales were \$5,208.50 and the net proceeds should work out to \$3,156.72, making the overall net from the last 8 years just shy of \$25,000. The booth was in a better location this year, though not on a corner as requested, and the Snoqualmie wines were eliminated from the offerings and 14 Hands only was poured. The committee will stay on for another year. (Round of applause for a job well done.)

### Old Business

- The Round Tables funding request was presented by Anne Geyer, asking for a \$200 budget. **Mary-Ellen Townsend made a motion to approve a yearly budget of \$200 for the Round Tables and Deanna Trail seconded that motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.**
- Diane Primont presented the interim & new budget with changes, as follows: Youth Gardening added with budget of \$150; Round Table budget changed from \$100 to \$200; YBLG budget shows one-time expense of \$700; Yachats annual budget changed from \$500 to \$2500; \$2000 expense removed from Seafood & Wine fundraiser category to Expense category with \$4000 budgeted for the scholarship. There is a \$2950 budget deficit that will be corrected with funds from the maturing CD.

### Coordinator Report

Liz Olsen advised that the tentative start date for her successor is March 19<sup>th</sup>. The person's name has not yet been released. She is happy with the choice and will be working with this person on a limited basis, through the end of June.

- The Extension Office is celebrating its centennial with an open house in May and some other events. The County Commissioners will be making a proclamation at their April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. It would be great if the MG Board members could attend!
- County fair is set for July 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>. All programs need to have a presence there, including Master Gardeners.
- Need to decide on date for Master Gardener week that has been aligned with the fair. July might be too early. Perhaps should keep it in August. Will need to get on the Board of Commissioners calendar soon – it fills up fast.
- Attended a Marion County training for Jr Master Gardeners. They have a partnership with nutrition, 4-H and Master Gardeners. That type of program may or may not work for Lincoln County.
- Seed to Supper will not be happening in Siletz this year. Soliciting ideas for other locations.
- The OR Dept of Agriculture is looking closely at plant sales & swaps for hitchhikers and invasives. Some counties are cancelling sales in response. The Japanese beetle and wireworm are examples of what they are inspecting for. Our sale may face an inspection but the official list of things they are looking for is small.

### New Business

- Anne Geyer advised that the OMGA has a funding program for new projects that LCMGA might want to take advantage of. Her idea is to start documenting our training sessions for future use. We could apply for funds to get the necessary equipment. Board agrees this is a good idea. Anne will write up a proposal. We could also do oral biographies of long-time members. Liz suggested checking with the high school for the possibility of A/V students to help out with running the equipment.
- Deanna Trail will give a report about the OMGA meeting that was held in Salem on 3/3. She would like to share some of our chapter history with the state group at the next meeting.

Anne advised that Donna Davis wrote a great letter that was read aloud by the president at the 3/3 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristi Kind, LCMGA Secretary

Attachments

Announcements

Positions List

Financial Reports

Round Table Funding Request