

LINCOLN COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting
October 9, 2017
Newport Public Library Meeting Room

Board Members Present: Donna Davis, Sharon Busby, Liz Olsen, Mary-Ellen Townsend and Kristi Kind

Board Members Not Present: Deanna Trail and Ann Geyer

Non-Board Members Present: Dawn Henton, Cathi Block, Jill Johnson and Pam McElroy

Meeting called to order at 10:03 am

Announcements

- Saturday is the apple squeeze. It starts at 10:00 and will go until around 2:00.
- There are master gardener short courses being offered online by OSU, presenting another option to complete continuing education hours for re-certification.
- There is information on our website concerning re-certification and new reporting categories. Please get your hours entered as soon as possible. They are due November 15th.
- A partial scholarship will be offered to a teen for the 2018 master gardener classes.

Financials

Reports in attachments. Sharon Busby advised that our current balance is \$42,034.48. A check in the amount of \$810 was received for reimbursement of the Seafood & Wine booth fee from last year. Savings is down by \$1030.00 due to the Lincoln City Demo Garden's budget for their keyhole garden installation. YBLG is finally starting to use up some of their grant from the Siletz tribe: an ADA picnic table will be installed in the play porch area of Sam Case elementary school and a ramp will also be installed on the greenhouse to make it handicap accessible. Yachats is getting maintenance work done and nothing much else has changed.

Minutes

Kristi asked if anyone had any changes or corrections for the September minutes. Donna Davis asked for a change of the start time from 11 to 10 on the Apple Squeeze in the Announcements. Kristi asked for a motion to approve the September minutes as emailed to that meeting's attendees with the one change to the apple squeeze time. **Mary-Ellen Townsend made a motion to accept the September minutes, as presented and Sharon Busby seconded. Motion passed.**

Committee Reports

- Nominating – Ann is away at the moment but will file a report when she is back from her trip. There has been some interest in the President and Vice President positions.
- Budget – Claudette Schroeder is chair with Ron Woodard II and Cathy Fitzhugh on the committee, which has not yet met.
- Membership – Met on the 29th with Ann Geyer by phone. They had a good meeting, are still gathering information and are much closer to presentation of their plan.

Garden Reports

- Lincoln City – Apprentice Maureen Chaplain hosted a salsa party for fellow garden coordinators to celebrate her successful project in the garden.
- Oceanview – Report by Judy Kloos is attached. Residents are still harvesting vegetables from the garden and various butterflies are appearing in the cutting garden, including 4 monarchs seen at once.
- South Beach – They have put the garden to bed for the winter, except for the pollinator portion. Coordinators for next year will be Greg Kurtz, Diane Primont, Mary-ellen Townsend, Diane Bryan and Marlene Shapiro.
- Yachats – Donna Haddon has taken over as coordinator. Carita Edson and Elda-Lee Carnes will remain as mentors. The home schoolers continue to come every week. They are currently working on trimming and must separate the invasives out of the yard waste. The watering system will be turned off at the next meeting.
- YBLG – Mini harvest yielded 19# of produce and the total pounds donated to date is: 54 Lots of contacts were made in the garden with plenty of interest in the straw bales. Final harvest with the kids is tomorrow.

Old Business

- Audit committee chairperson needed. Need names of people to contact and check for interest in being chair. Then a new member and a veteran will be appointed by the chair. They'll meet with the treasurer and then conduct an audit in January with a report given at the February board meeting.

Coordinator Report

- Post cards have been sent out to prospective 2018 MG class members and also has posters on hand that need to be put up. Currently working on radio spots, print media ads and public service announcements to publicize the upcoming class.
- Seed to Supper books are for sale: 20 copies are left @ \$6 each. Will sell any remainders at the Farmer's Market.
- Will be doing an hour long radio spot with Kierra Morgan on Monday, November 6th. Anyone who is interested may help out.
- Please get volunteer service hours reported online by the end of October! If you need help, please contact Liz -- she is happy to help ensure all of the hours get reported. There are new categories as we move to the national standard. Lincoln County MG's need 10 hours of continuing ed and 20 hours of volunteer service consisting of 10 fundraiser hours doing things such as the plant sale or the Seafood & Wine booth and 10 educational hours doing things such as the plant clinic and working in a demo garden.
- Still waiting to hear back from the local high schools with regard to the Sr scholarship offer.
- Worked the volunteer fair in Lincoln City and that seemed to go well.
- A few more MG volunteers are needed for upcoming Saturday Markets set for November 4th, 11th and 18th and December 2nd, 9th and 16th. An email was sent out with the initial request for participants.

New Business

- Not enough responses were received on the email motion to expend \$275 to enable the Lincoln City demo garden's termite infestation problem to be addressed.

Donna Davis made a motion to expend \$275.00 to address Lincoln City Demo Garden's termite infestation problem. Mary-ellen Townsend seconded the motion. Motion passed by quorum present.

- Betty Bahn wrote a recommendation for life membership status to be awarded to Michael and Sally Noack. This is long-overdue in her estimation. Copy of her statement was read aloud by Donna Davis and is attached.

Donna Davis made a motion to honor Michael and Sally Noack with Life Member status. Sharon Busby seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

- Next meeting November 13th at the library, doors open at 9:30, meeting starts at 10:00.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristi Kind, LCMGA Secretary

Attachments

Account Balances as of 10/2/2017

Budget vs Actual as of 10/2/2017

Lincoln City Demo Garden Report

Oceanview Adaptive Therapeutic Garden Report

South Beach Demo Garden Report for September

YDCG Meeting Notes for August

YBLG Garden Reports

Life Membership Statement