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**LINCOLN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting Minutes – Newport Public Library
November 9, 2015**

**(Documents marked with an * will be attached to the final meeting minutes
filed in the Secretary’s notebook in the MG office)**

Board Members Present: Pat Shaw, Heather Fortner, Dawn Henton, Karen Jones, Liz Olsen, Jeff Olsen, Carol Schriner

Board Members Absent: Emily Blume, Mary Jane Bonelitz

Non-Board Members Present: Donna Davis, Cathi Block, Becky Stiles, Pam McElroy, Mary Ellen Townsend

The meeting was called to order by president Pat Shaw at 9:30 a.m.

The minutes of the October 12, 2015, Executive Board meeting were approved as published.

Financial Reports: There were no changes or corrections to the financial statements for October 2015.* LCMGA financial information as of October 31, 2015, is summarized as below:

Account Balances:

CD 6728	\$10,066.21
CD 8906	\$15,055.13
Checking:	\$10,916.93
Savings:	\$ 5,054.68
Scholarship:	<u>\$ 5,000.19</u>
Total	\$46,093.14

Income/Expenditures:

Income YTD:	\$21,436.19 (\$17,680.00 budgeted)
Expenditures YTD:	\$14,514.74 (\$17,680.00 budgeted)

President’s Report:

- Pat suggested that next year the graduation/election meeting and the November board meeting be held in separate weeks.
- She encouraged all board members to attend the graduation/membership meeting on Thursday, November 12.
- She thanked the entire board collectively, and individual members, for their support and diligence this past year.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Program Updates: Dawn Henton, Heather Fortner and Cathi Block put on a nesting box workshop on October 14. Heather will conduct a dry materials wreathmaking workshop on December 1 at the South Beach Community Center, with all materials provided.

The October round tables organized by Cathi Block (Food Preservation, Growing Garlic, and All About Fermentation) were well attended and very informative. Cathi also conducted a nesting box construction project on October 14th that was equally well attended. Many thanks for all Cathi's hard work!! In addition, Cathi will be hostessing a "Compost Happens" round table on November 17, 2015, at the Newport Public Library from 10 to 2. We can all look forward to that!!

Membership Meetings: Heather reported that the Apple Squeeze held on Saturday, October 17, at the home of Loyd and Verna Collett in Tidewater was a great success in spite of somewhat inclement weather. At this meeting the incoming slate of officers was presented.

A general meeting, including graduation of the apprentices and the swearing in of incoming LCMGA officers, will be held at OCCC on November 12, 2015, followed by a potluck luncheon.

Communication/Newsletter:

Heather reported that she and Nancy Kloack will have a meeting immediately following the board meeting to arrange some of the details and coordination of the website and newsletter. The target date for the newsletter is January 2016 and will be online with the option for a hard copy mailing if members request it. The website will be very simple initially.

Seafood & Wine: Jeff Olsen reported that we will once again have a booth at the Seafood & Wine Festival, and will continue to pour Snoqualmie wines. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Master Garden class sessions.

Plant Sale: Cathi reported that the 2016 plant sale will be held at the Fairgrounds. She has made a deposit on the facility. Setup will be on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (May 18-20) prior to the sale, with the sale occurring on Saturday, May 21st. Liz and Jeff will be in Africa during the sale, so they won't be here to help. Cathi's vision is for a "Spring Plant Sale and Garden Fair," interspersing educational booths amongst the sections with plants, which will hopefully slow down the frenzy and offer plant sale customers to have a more enjoyable experience.

Revised 2016 Budget: The budget committee made a few minor revisions to the 2016 budget. It will be forwarded to the 2016 board and voted upon at the January general meeting.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee of Pat Shaw, Pam McElroy, Diana Pinto and Karen Jones has put together a slate of officers for the 2016 LCMGA year. The slate will be presented at the November General Meeting and voted upon at that time.

OMGA REPORT:

Jeff Olsen reported that he attended the most recent OMGA meeting, which was held in Tillamook. Among other things, he reported that Gail Langellotto has received full funding for her position, and that Extension will be hiring more faculty, including one dealing with pollinator health and another focusing on malacology.

NEW BUSINESS:

Audit Committee: Steve Paul, Judy Butts, Ron Benfield and Judy Rickus will be asked to serve on the Audit Committee.

Program Director's Report:

- Liz reported that 12 apprentices had fully completed the MG program. A few of them will be showcasing their projects at the Graduation/Awards Ceremony.
- Gail Langellotto's increased funding is very encouraging and shows that Oregon State is visibly supporting Horticulture and Ag Sciences.
- It is very important that all MGs report their Volunteer Service Hours online. This presents a strong case for funding and program support all the way to the State and Federal levels.
- The 2016 MG class schedule is finalized, with new lineups to keep it interesting and educational. Seven folks have volunteered to assist with class coordination.
- In addition to Michael Noack's MG Extension Spotlight radio spots, we have been on KNPT (two different programs), KYAQ Toledo, and will likely be on BOSS radio as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jones, LCMGA Secretary