

DRAFT
LINN COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 2013

Attendees

Marilyn Scheffler, President
Sharon Richards, 1st Vice President
Marie Madison, Secretary
Dan Borg, Treasurer
Susan Morton, OMGA Representative
Bev Hall, Member at Large
Alenne Walker, Member at Large
Dave Krieger, Demonstration Garden
Betty Anderson, Tom's Garden Center Planting Day
Randy Peckham, Calapooia School Garden
Pami Opfer, Extension Program Assistant
Barb Fick, Extension Faculty

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Marilyn Scheffler in the Evelyn Downing Room of OSU-Linn County Extension.

MINUTES - Marie Madison

Minutes for March were read aloud and approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Dan Borg

- The account balance as of March 31 was \$9349.12. Dan wrote checks for \$332.40 and deposited \$560. Year to date is down \$228, but our major income activities are coming up soon.
- It was suggested that trainee Corrie O'Brien, a CPA, be asked to be on the auditing committee. Tom Capel was also suggested. Susan Morton will contact both. Dan will chair the committee and set up a meeting time.

EXTENSION REPORT - Pami Opfer & Barb Fick

- Training is complete. The clinic desk in the Extension office is well covered with trainees. Mentors are doing well. Hours in the office are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am - 2 pm.
- Trainees are working on their Spring Garden Festival displays.
- Volunteer trainees have filled all the Albany Farmers' Market clinic table slots. Some veterans are needed. Alenne Walker and Ann Rietmann have volunteered to oversee this project. Some trainee slots at the Lebanon Farmers' Market are still open. Sweet Home and Brownsville are covered.
- Extension and Master Gardeners cannot sell at the MG booth because it is donated to us. However, we can have give aways. Marie suggested more advertising would encourage the public to use the clinics. Pami said she would look into doing more advertising.
- Rich Little is planning to offer an advanced insect training for April or May, or perhaps the fall. It was suggested that spring would be a better time as insect season is just

beginning then. Several board members expressed interest in attending the training.

- Barb reported that the Training Center gardens were transformed by the trainees. Soil was added, weeds were pulled, pruning was done, etc. The Center was highly appreciative and provided lunch to the crew.

MEETINGS - Sharon Richards

- The folding door that separates the two meeting rooms at the library should be repaired by our next meeting.
- Walt, from U & D Nursery our speaker for April, is a good speaker, but is in poor health.
- Marie mentioned that it was important to be out of the library by 8 pm and that our last two meetings had run over causing library staff distress. Bev stated that we need to work with the library as they have given us the space to use at no cost. After some discussion it was decided to advertise the doors being open at 6 pm with the program to start at 6:30 pm. This should allow the speaker to complete their talk with some time left over for conversation and clean-up. Pami will make a point of emphasizing the doors open time in her meeting invitations.

COMMITTEE FAIR - Marie Madison

- All of our projects had some type of display. Several trainees visited at each display and there were sign-ups for everything except board positions. All in all it was successful.

PLANT SALE - Susan Morton

- An article in the Update featured the Gardening 101/Plant Sale which is on May 4 in conjunction with the Made in Oregon event being held at the Fairgrounds. The plant sale begins at 10 am and will last until all plants are sold or until Gardening 101 has ended.
- A temporary nursery license has been obtained.
- Approximately 200 plants are ready to sell. The focus is on perennials, especially iris. Annuals and vegetables did not sell well last year and we are competing with several other plant sales.
- A Doodle Poll will be used to obtain helpers. Dan will be cashier.
- Gardening 101 speakers include 1 pm Rich Little talking about pollinators, 2 pm Betty Goergen talking about starting cuttings, and 3 pm someone from U & D Nursery talking about edible landscaping. The speakers have 40 minutes to talk with 15 minutes for questions.
- Cost of Gardening 101 is \$25. It was suggested that people preregister as 30 people is the most that can be seated comfortably. Canopies can be obtained if it rains. Several suggestions were made for advertising locations and means of distributing fliers.

DEMONSTRATION GARDEN - Dave Krieger

- Two asparagus beds have been completed. Dave has planted peas and onions in his bed and wants to plant carrots and beets. Is planning a potato bed.
- The roses on the fence need to be improved, possibly even removed. Randy Peckham volunteered to take over that project.

- A volunteer is needed for the compost bins. If none volunteer, perhaps it can become a group project.
- About 6 new trainees and 24 veterans are on the list of workers.

GARDEN TOUR - Sharon Richards

- The next meeting of the committee is April 15 at 11 am at Allann Brothers. (It was later learned that this meeting had been canceled and no new meeting date had been set.)
- One garden has dropped, so there are now seven gardens on the tour.

POTTING DAY AT TOM'S GARDEN CENTER - Betty Anderson

- Betty says the project is going well. She still needs volunteers. About 20 are needed.

POTTING DAY AT WILCO IN LEBANON

- Sheryl Casteen is putting this together. She still needs volunteers. Pami will put a request for volunteers in the weekly e-mail.
- Planting day is April 20 from 8 am - 3 pm.

CALAPOOIA SCHOOL GARDEN - Randy Peckham

- Randy is looking into starting an after school garden club with the students that will carry over into summer and which will involve parents. Randy needs to talk to the principal before this can get started.

MINI COLLEGE

- A Master Gardener of the Year needs to be selected. Potential nominees voiced were Sheryl Casteen, Rich Little and Stephanie Low. The LCMGA's selection needs to be submitted to Gail Langellotto by May 15.
- Pami is working on a Karl Carlson grant for reference materials and a container for the Brownsville Farmers' Market clinic box.
- Silent auction items with a minimum value of \$25 are needed no later than July 1.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Dave was interested in the possibility of purchasing a beverage dispenser to provide water at Farmers' market and also the Demonstration Garden to help eliminate dependence on bottled water. He was given the go ahead to purchase one.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Madison
Secretary