Linn County Master Gardener Association

Minutes, Jan.6 2015 BOD meeting

(Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm)

Attendees:

Betty Goergen, President

Ranee Webb, First Vice President

Susan Morton, Second Vice President

Louise Fassio, Treasurer

Brooke Edmunds, Extension Community Horticulture

Pami Opfer, Extension Program Assistant

Randy Peckham, OMGA Representative

Dave Krieger, Demonstration Garden

David Adams, 2015 co-secretary

Wanda Joy Adams, 2015 co-secretary

Sheryl Casteen, PNW Winter Session

1. The minutes of the Dec. 2 2014 meeting were approved as circulated.
2. The Treasurer's report was distributed. Expenses exceeded income by $712.22 for 2014.
3. The 2015 budget was discussed.
   1. It was noted that some budget line items were reduced to reflect actual expenses in the miscellaneous category.
   2. $1000.00 to the 2017 International Convention was added to the Budget, $500.00 in 2015 and $500.00 in 2016.
   3. The service bars line item of $100.00 was removed. We have an adequate supply.
   4. An unexpected expense line item was added, which balanced the projected income with the projected expenses. The budget is $10,500.00 for 2015 as approved.
   5. The Garden Tour will be charging $15.00 per person this year.
   6. The Garden Tour banner, which the city will put up over Pacific Blvd., will be able to be used year after year by having new dates added. The initial banner cost is $325.
   7. The only estimate received so far for the Demo Garden irrigation repair was from Shonnard’s.  The landscape proposal estimate was $2605.59. This estimate for repairs was used as the basis for the 2015 budget. The two other estimates are expected soon.
   8. School garden expenses will come from the outreach teaching supplies line item. Any requests need to be applied for and, approved by the Board.
4. A new microscope purchase (not to exceed $1500.00) was discussed as part of the budget. However, the Microscope was classified as a Capital Expense to be paid for out of the savings account, not the budget. This was so moved, seconded and approved.
5. David Krieger said the shed roof is done and submitted an expense for last year's budget of $60.00.
6. OSU Extension
   1. Brooke reviewed the organization chart for the LCMGA program. A suggestion was made that this be included in the MG training so new trainees understand the organizational structure they will be working under.
   2. Pam noted this year's training starts this next Tuesday, 1/13/15, with 24 Linn and 24 Benton trainees signed up.
   3. More mentors for the trainees are needed. Ranee Webb is the mentor coordinator.
   4. The winter Pacific Northwest Brown Bag classes will not continue.   Instead there will be four fall classes in Albany and four fall classes in Lebanon.  To extend training to outlying areas, a monthly lesson will be held at some of the Farmer’s Markets (to include Sweet Home and Brownsville, but not necessarily all of the markets).
   5. The Extension office will be closed January 13 thru 16th for the move to the new office.

The new Extension office will be open to the public January 20 2015. It was suggested that having an open house might be a good idea.

* 1. Seeds to Supper posters are available. Board members were urged to promote this community program.

1. The Mother Earth Fair will be held at the Linn County Fairgrounds in June. The question of having a table there or having the Demo-Garden open was discussed. It was decided more information was needed.
2. Randy Peckham suggested that the November 2015 OMGA Meeting be hosted by Linn County Master Gardeners. This was seconded and approved. The possibility of having it in the new Extension Office was discussed.
3. There is a Junior Master Gardener Program with curriculum available. It was discussed that this could be run as a 4-H program. Also discussed was the possibility of having a summer garden club at the Demo Garden, with community youth invited to participate. David and Wanda Joy Adams explained that this program is currently being used at the Sunrise Elementary School Learning Garden with the more advanced, motivated students. There was discussion of how LCMG volunteers could utilize this program.
4. Adjournment at 2:10.

Submitted by

J. David & Wanda Joy Adams, Secretary