



Board Meeting Minutes September 4, 2018

Opening

The regular board meeting of the Linn County Master Gardeners was called to order at 1:06

Present

Betty Goergen, President
Ranee Webb, Past President
Pam Nelson, 2nd Vice President
Brenda Winslow, Secretary
Carolyn Larime, Member at Large
Karin Magnuson, Member at Large
David Krieger, Demo Garden Coordinator
Elizabeth Records, Master Gardener Program Assistant
Susan Morton

Approval of Minutes

July minutes were approved as written

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/linn/lcmga-board-meeting-minutes> is the website where all the minutes can be seen.

Treasurer Report

Ann Capps was not present today. She talked to Ranee Webb before the meeting and said there had been very little activity and the numbers were only \$30 different since last month.

Extension Report-Elizabeth Records

Benton county has not decided what to do yet about the directory, so our motion is again tabled until they make a decision. Our dues will remain the same until a decision is made.

Elizabeth is looking for a venue location in or around Albany for graduation this year. If anyone knows of a church or venue that would work for approximately 110 people, please contact her. The date is not set yet until a venue is found. She wants to do an evening graduation this year with snacks.

Remember that we are getting close to the end of the year for tracking hours. The deadline is October 31st. The weekly newsletter has a link to a page that Elizabeth made describing hours and what counts. We need to get better at getting the word out to the new trainees that they must be recertified each year. She believes part of our loss of Master Gardeners is that they don't understand the recertification process. Also, if a master gardener has taken time off and is no longer certified, that person can become certified again simply by doing their 20 hours of

service and 10 hours of education in a year. They again will become a certified Master Gardener

Elizabeth had created a new project proposal form. For each new project a LCMG gets involved in, a proposal form has to be filled out. The Linn board and Elizabeth must approve the new project. The purpose is so that the office and board know who is working on what projects under our umbrella. She has added a link on the weekly email for ease in finding the proposal form. Speaking events are also included in this, like the Linn Benton brown bag classes and the Saturday series garden classes. Betty is going to start working on renewing projects yearly so we have an updated list. November will become our month to review all projects for the following year.

Elizabeth shared that registration for 2019 new trainees in Linn county will have buddy deals. If 2 people register together then they will receive \$10 off the cost of the class. The cost for taking the 2019 class is \$140. There is money budgeted every year for scholarships for new trainees in the Linn County Budget. It is not always advertised, therefore not always used. Rane Webb made a motion that Linn county will fund 4 half scholarships of \$70 that are on a first come, first serve basis. Pam Nelson seconded the motion. The money is already in the budget.

There was a question about how many years we have to save board notes and do they have to be saved on paper or electronically. Rane Webb believes she looked it up last year so Betty will go back through Rane Webb's notes to find it. Elizabeth has a new file where she keeps LCMG board notes electronically and the secretary also has them stored on a thumb drive as well as in a notebook. We will buy a new thumb drive every couple of years to keep an electronic copy with the secretary and determine if the huge paper notebook is necessary any longer. There is also a small notebook at each meeting with a printed paper copy of the past year's notes.

Demo Garden-Dave Krieger

Wednesday, September 19th is the demo garden potluck at 5:30. This is the September membership meeting.

The demo garden now has a chipper. Dave has invested \$64.97 into it and now needs to have the blades sharpened. There is plenty of demo garden budget money to cover it.

He received a donation for cement block to put along the chain link fence so the soil won't fall under fence in the pollinator garden.

An anonymous donor will pay for either pavers or concrete for the pathways in the demo garden. The new gravel is not working well with people in wheelchairs or those that are unstable as they walk. Betty is going to contact the OMGA about what funds are available for demo garden projects.

Dave donated 85 pounds of food from the demo garden to St. Mary's food kitchen. They receive donations on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 2:00 in their basement for anyone who wants to donate.

Mason Bee Events-Susan Morton

There are eight bee workshop classes scheduled in Linn and Benton counties. The last class is November 8th and then they will schedule cleaning classes at Rich Little house. Rane and Susan are doing the bee workshops. They have 4 new people who will be learning to become instructors. They would like at least 2 or 3 more people as helpers. There is a class October 16th to become an instructor.

Ranee Webb keeps one of Linn Counties tablets checked out so she can keep inventory prices updated for selling bee keeping items.

There will be a planning meeting September 13th at 10am for next year's bee event conference.

Nominating for next year-Betty Goergen

We are still in need of a first vice president. An officer cannot serve more than 2 consecutive years in the same position on the board. All of our officers are in their first year in their positions so they do not have to be replaced. A member at large does not have a limit of time to serve. Rane Webb will be member at large next year instead of the past president position.

Tomato tasting-Betty Goergen

The tomato tasting event in Lebanon went very well. There were a lot of people. Blossom end rot was a big question this year.

Upcoming Events

Karin Magnuson has 4 gardens set up for next year's Garden tour.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:15

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Winslow, Secretary