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LINN COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 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
Dave Krieger, Demonstration Garden
Randy Peckham, Calapooia School Garden
Pami Opfer, Extension Program Assistant
Barb Fick, Extension Faculty

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Marilyn Scheffler in the Evelyn Downing Room of OSU-Linn County Extension.

MINUTES - Marie Madison

Minutes for April were approved as distributed.

EXTENSION REPORT - Pami Opfer & Barb Fick

- Thursday is a Training Center planting day from 9 - 11 am.
- May 16 is advanced entomology training from 9 am - 12 noon in the Evelyn Downing room for any MG who is interested.
- Jackson County may lose its funding. It is urgent for us to share the impact of MG program with the county. OMGA is sending a template letter endorsing Extension in Jackson County to all county MG representatives to share with their chapter members.
- MGs are reminded to keep better contact statistics.
- Extension is experience more cuts in personnel. There are several retirees from the Horticulture Department including Ross Penhallegon, Linda McMahon and Dan McGrath. It is unknown how or if these positions will be filled. Lane County Extension staff and volunteers are being creative in order to retain Extension in that county.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Dan Borg

- The account balance as of April 30 was \$9576.72 Dan wrote checks for \$231.73 and deposited \$50. Plant sale income had not been deposited. Dave Krieger moved that the report be accepted as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- The audit committee of Corrie O'Brien, Tom Capel and Dan Borg met. The committee found all was in order. Two recommendations were made: 1. Include a bank statement with monthly reports; 2. tweak the filing system to make it more efficient.

MEETINGS - Sharon Richards

- Karen Hobson will be talking about Hydrangeas at the May 13 meeting.

- The May meeting room has changed, for this meeting only, to the small conference room just off the main entry. People will need directions to find it. The room is very small.
- August 13 is a field trip to Thyme Garden. We will need to car pool as parking is limited. Lunch is part of the tour and costs \$30 per person.

MINI COLLEGE

- Silent auction: Sharon Richards reports that six people have volunteered to donate items.
- Master Gardener of the Year: Whoever has the most votes on the Doodle Poll as of today will be the winner
- Send-A-Friend Scholarship of \$200 is available to use to send our MG of the Year to Mini College. This should cover most of the expenses.

PLANT CLINIC IN BROWNSVILLE

- The Karl Carlson grant will not be issued until August 9 at the Mini College banquet. Because the reference materials are needed now, Susan Morton moved that LCMGA front the money for the portable clinic library up to \$250. Motion passed unanimously. Pami will purchase the materials and be reimbursed upon LCMGA receipt of the grant monies.

DEMONSTRATION GARDEN - Dave Krieger

- The plant sale was held.
- There are two work days: Monday and Friday. With the hot weather working time will be 9 - 11 am each day instead 1 - 3 pm.
- Dave is currently is working on irrigation. A future project is a picnic table.
- Eight people volunteer regularly on each day.
- Dave wants to plant four grafted tomatoes for a demonstration plot. U & D Nursery was suggested as a plant source.

PLANT SALE & GARDENING 101 - Susan Morton

- The event was a dud. Total sales was \$359. Class participation was two people for the first class, one person for the second class, the third class was canceled. There was plenty of help. About half the plants were sold. It was a lot of work for very little return. It was suggested to scrap the sale.
- Susan Morton, Randy Peckham, Rich Little and Pami Opfer will work on coming up with a different fundraiser, possibly mason bee/honey bee materials, and report back to the Board at the June meeting.

GARDEN TOUR - Sharon Richards

- Host gardens are working hard in their gardens.
- The fliers have been distributed. The brochure was sent to Betty Goergen for printing. Marie was asked to send the PDF to Pami as well.
- Jeannette Halseth is working with volunteers.
- It was suggested that use of a banner placed in a field beside the road is an excellent

advertising piece.

- Marilyn will check with Betty Goergen for an update.

POTTING DAY AT TOM'S GARDEN CENTER

- It was very busy. There was no canopy this year. Supplies were adequate. It was a challenge working with the new owners, but they seemed to be happy with the results. There were fewer customers than in years past. The MGs who participated seemed to have fun.

POTTING DAY AT WILCO IN LEBANON

- There were tons of people. Seven MGs participated. Through misunderstanding, the event was advertised from 8 am - 12 noon instead of all day. l

CALAPOOIA SCHOOL GARDEN - Randy Peckham

- A meeting was held but only one child attended.
- Five showed up this week to work in the garden.
- It is challenging to work with the science teacher. Beds that were thought to be his are being used for science experiments.
- Karen Waterson is working with Randy.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Madison
Secretary