

LCMGA

Minutes, Nov. 4 2014 Board meeting

1. The minutes of the Oct. 7 Meeting were approved as circulated.
2. The Treasurer reported on the finances. We are within budget, except that the Demo Garden still has more than \$500 left of its allocation.
3. Pami reported that she attended a national meeting of Master Gardener Extension agents and got some good ideas for recertification and recruitment. We discussed the proposed national standards for recertification consisting of ten hours of training and twenty hours of volunteer service house. This is a slight increase from what were currently required. One county has developed a three hour curriculum call "Hot Topics" that is required as part of the recertification training. Some groups also host plant clinics at cooperating nurseries during the planting season.
4. Brooke reported that the move of the Extension Office is planned for around New Years. We will still have access to meeting rooms in the Armory building.
5. Graduation will be on Thursday Nov 13 at 6pm at the Electrical Training facility in Tangent. The Linn Chapter will provide dinnerware, decorations and drinks.
6. Susan Morton reported on the OMGA 4th quarter meeting held in Douglas County on Nov 1. She and Randy Peckham attended.
7. Gail Langellotto reported on the planning of the 2017 International conference to be held in Portland. Contracts are being finalized for the convention center space, hotels and catering. At Gail's request, OMGA has sequestered two \$5,000 CD's for her use. One will be cashed in in 2015 and the other in 2016 as she needs the funds. Several individual chapters have also made donations, large or modest as their means permit. Randy Peckham moved that we budget a donation of \$1000 in 2015. Motion was passed. Susan Morton will match the donation.
8. Mary Mellard reported that financials from Mini College at OSU this past summer are complete. There was a small profit which was well within OMGA's goal of breaking even to keep costs down.
9. Linn Trimpe and Marcia Sherry have been working on plans for 2015 Mini College which will be held at Linfield College in McMinnville, Aug 4-6. The venue is being very cooperative and the cost will be much less than OSU.
10. Marilyn Scheffler, Immediate Past President, proposed some minor by-laws changes that were adopted.
11. The budget for 2014 was adopted.
12. Officers were elected: President Al Cook, President Elect Mary Mellard, Secretary Judy Zettergren, Treasurer Kathrine Johnson
13. Advanced entomology training will take place next summer in an OSU classroom. The hope is to provide backup for Rich Little.
14. Beevent. Plans for the Pollination conference are going smoothly. The t-shirts arrived and various Board members bought them. We plan to offer them at Graduation. Susan Morton drafted a notice to be included in the Gardener's Pen, OMGA's newsletter. The deadline for the Dec issue is Nov13.
15. Demo Garden. Dave Krieger will get two estimates on fixing the irrigation system in the Demo Garden. He thinks the underground pipes are okay. The system is working better now that he has put a filter on the well. He will use the remaining funds in his budget to purchase materials to build the planned shed.

16. Marie Madison drafted a by-law change to the effect that there is no set number of at-large members on the BOD. Pam will publish this to the chapter members in the Newsletter and it will be voted on by the Board at the January meeting.

17. Adjournment

Submitted by Susan Morton

(Ranee Webb was out of town).