

Josephine County Master Gardeners Association
General Meeting Minutes
Hybrid Meeting, held in person and on Zoom
May 2, 2023

Attendees

Keith Hall	Linda Price	Mike Watson
Barry Burnsides	Cindy Allen	Mike Zerwer
Corinne King	Pat Olsen	Hannah Padilla
Didi Reyes	Georgia Moulton	Jill Gleysteen
Fred Schlieper	Terry Ruitter	Sue George
Jan McBride	Joan Foley	Judy Anzalone
Cherrie Lynch	John Etchells	Mark Schallheim
David Coon	Pat Etchells	Rae Watson, Secretary

1. Call to order: 9:30 AM

2. Additions or corrections: None

3. Announcements: Welcome to our new Office Specialist, Hannah Padilla.

4. President's Report - Georgia Moulton

- a. Fuchsia Day was successful, although there weren't as many customers as in the past.
- b. Earth Day Celebration at RCC on April 21. Georgia and Danielle had a table set up. There was quite a bit of interest in both MGs the 4H program.
- c. Wil can't be here today, but still needs tips, which need to be science based.
- d. Pam won't be here today, but wants to promote the newsletter. Articles are needed and your photos will be helpful too.

5. Secretary's Report - Rae Watson

- a. Pat reminded that the minutes need to be signed by the Secretary.
- b. Terry moved and Mike Zerwer seconded the approval of the April Minutes, amended with the Secretary's signature. This was approved.

6. Vice President's - Mike Watson

- a. About one year ago 151 surveys were sent out regarding the relationship between OSU leadership and the Master Gardener Program.
- b. The task force has derived a report which was delivered to Georgia and Danielle. This is an opportunity to improve the relationship.
- c. Danielle will send it to OSU for review, and then a Task Force meeting will be held on Zoom to discuss our opportunities for improvement.
- d. Mike will send the report to John so that it can be shared with the membership. There was a suggestion that it can be posted in the members only section of the website.
- e. Mike will write a short article for the newsletter.

7. Treasurer's Report - John Etchells

- a. Presentation of Financials - \$37,855.40 in total assets as the end of April. See balance sheet for breakdown of income and expenses.
- b. Update on Greenhouse/Cold Frame Renovation Project - no renovations in April. The next steps in the renovation will be planned soon, depending on Ji, Modoff's schedule.
- c. Update on e-mail changes - pending

8. OMGA State Rep's Report - Mark Schallheim

- a. Next meeting is May 15. Vote will be taken to raise dues. Fairly certain it will pass. If the group has input he will need it by Friday. There really isn't time for another meeting. Georgia recommends Mark vote his conscience.
- b. John will get together with our group to determine if we will raise our local dues.
- c. Joy of Gardening (mini college) is July 7-8 in Corvallis at the OSU Alumni Center. Registration will open on May 15th.
- d. International MG meeting - June 18-20 in Overland Park, KS

9. OSU Report - Keith Hall

- a. Update on the drawing – Sue George won, other results are on Facebook page.
- b. Next presentation in the Sustainable Garden Series is May 13, 1-2:30PM at the Extension auditorium. The topic is Tomatoes, by Marjorie Neal.
- c. Beginning to coordinate plans for school gardens. Keith plans to match our addresses with the participating schools, and contact us to see if we want to help with the school closest to our homes.
- d. Needs updated photos of officers. Keith took photos after the meeting.
- e. He introduced Hannah Padilla who has started at the front desk.
- f. Cherrie asked if announcements can go on the web as well as Facebook, not everyone is on FB. Keith will look into it. Georgia asked that the TOW be posted on web as well.
- g. Keith will create a YouTube channel for posting videos.

10. Routine Committee Reports

- a. **2023 Mentor/T-shirt orders** - Joan Foley
The class is finished with the written test. We have a really good class!
T-shirts will be available in about 6 weeks.
- b. **Greenhouse Team** - John Etchells
We are done planting. Hopefully the plants will be gone by the end of Sunday. The plants look good. Thanks to everyone who helped with the greenhouse work.
Keith mentioned that there is a necessity for a sensory garden to help kids in stress.
What is the ability/possibility for a blitz on propagating lavender? John - the GH will be too hot. Would need to start earlier in the season.
- c. **Perennial Team** - Lou Ann Strahan
Lou Ann not present - no report
- d. **Growers Market Team**
Lou Ann and Debbie Kauffman are meeting next week via zoom. Let Georgia or Danielle know if you are interested in attending.

- e. **Spring Garden Fair Planning** - Georgia Moulton
Hours are Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-3:30. There is a signup sheet in back of the room. Georgia will be calling for volunteers. Pizza and water will be available for volunteers. John boosted the Facebook ad, so far there have been 2000 hits. The banner will go up across 6th Street on Wed, KAJO will be interviewing Peter Pernarelli on Wed. at 1:00 pm.
- f. **Plant Clinic Team** - Terry Ruiter
We are working summer hours, 9:00AM-12:00PM, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There will be training for the new students next week between 1-4 each afternoon.
- g. **Demonstration Gardens** - Terry
No work today or next week. Work will start after the Spring Garden fair, normally on Tuesdays at 10 AM.
- h. **Scholarship Team** - Terry
A scholarship is available for students studying plant related fields. No money was awarded this year. There were 3 applicants, but none met our requirements.
- i. **Wildlife Images Demo Garden Project** - Mike Watson
The plan is to install plants on June 5. Currently in the process of obtaining boulders. There will be a work day to help move and place rocks and soil. Mike will send out an email with the information.
- j. **Newsletter Team** - Pat Zaklan
No report
- k. **Tip of the Week** – Wil Scarrow
No report
- l. **Website Team** - Fred Schlieper
Thanks to Pat Etchells for corrections and fixes. Send spring fair photos to Pat.
- m. **Publicity Team** - Linda Price
The Spring Garden Fair banner will be hung on Wednesday. We will get a discount as it is late getting here.
- n. **Garden Club** - Cherri Lynch
The plant sale was very successful! The vast majority of plants were sold. The next meeting is May 3 at 12:00 noon at Fruitdale Grange.
- o. **Rose Society** - Mike Zerwer
The next meeting is May 21 at 2:00 PM at Our Lady of the River Catholic Church in Rogue River. Topic will be Designing and Arranging with Roses.
- p. **Madrona School Garden** – Pat Olsen
Things are going well so far. The 3rd & 4th Graders are participating actively.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM

Next meeting - June 6, 2023 at 9:30 AM

Minutes submitted by:

Rae Watson, Secretary