

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

JOSEPHINE COUNTY OSU MASTER GARDENERS

BOARD MEETING

MAY 6, 2014

Wanda Babcock, Linda Cochran, Al Cook*, Dianne Cooper, Mary Cotton, Byron Coulter, Phil Damewood, Linda Dean, Anna Demeduk, Angela DiGregorio, Deborrah Dunham*, John Etchells, Pat Etchells, Carolyn Farias*, John Farias*, Barb Finch, Susan Finley, Sue George, Skeeter Guardione*, Craig Ingram*, Julie Kaszuba*, Mo Kelly, Jean Kitchen, Sybil Longinotti*, Cherrie Lynch, Carolyn McCord, Charlie Newsom, Lesley Orr, Lilly Pattee, Lori Pernarelli, Peter Pernarelli*, Karen Pleasant, Jim Porter, Tracey Raggi*, Marlene Ryther, Jeana Schorr, Barbara Schwartz, Pat Siler, Diane Smith, Hank Smith, Ida Toro, Vicki Willis, Bob Wilson*, Karen Zoufal.

Welcome:

President Peter Pernarelli called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a welcome to everyone in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Peter called for the number of voting board members present. Ten voting members were in attendance. Since our secretary, Joan Seward is out of town; Lori Pernarelli will be recording the minutes for this meeting. The minutes of the April 1, 2014 meeting were formally approved as written.

Announcements: Peter Pernarelli

- Peter reported that Joan had sent out Get Well Cards to Al Cook, who is recovering from knee surgery and is ambulating around and also to Lyn Phelps, who retired just last year as the Extension Office Manager. Lyn has been diagnosed with metastatic cancer. She welcomes phone calls but please call before visiting her. Also, Wilma Christian fell on Saturday while working the plant clinic for the Garden Club's plant sale. She is bruised and sore but has no broken bones. Wilma showed up briefly to Plant clinic on Monday morning.
- Diane Smith is communicating with a Master Gardener from Portland, Lani Soules, who has relocated to Grants Pass. She moved to Grants Pass after caring for her mother who recently passed away. Unknowingly, she rented a place only to learn that her neighbors are selling drugs. She is looking to relocate to a safer location, preferably where she can garden, as well. She does have a service dog. If you know of anyone or know of anyone in your church that might be able to help her, please contact her. Her phone number is 503-407-4782.

Agent's Report: Karen Pleasant

- Karen reminded the members to be careful about what we say regarding GMO's. OSU has not taken a stance on this topic.
- Karen had asked for volunteers in the May newsletter to help with data collection at the school programs, to teach classes, and to assist with setting up and registering people for the community evening classes. Please notify her if you are available for any of these positions.

1st Vice President: John Farias

- The Greenleaf Tour was a success. John will try to arrange the tour again next year.
- The Fred Meyer Fuchsia Day was also a huge success. The Garden Department sales were 25% higher than last year.
- A big Thank You to Charlie Newsom and Bob Wilson for cooking at the BBQ/White Elephant Auction. Everyone seemed to have a great time. We made \$526.50 from the auction.
- Kim Barnes is the 1st 2014 student to complete her volunteer hour requirements, which includes 25 plant clinic hours. We have a few other students with over 70 hours but their plant clinic requirement is not yet completed.
- The June Master Gardener Home Garden Tour will be cancelled. We didn't have any members volunteer to display their gardens this year.
- Peter added a big Thank You to Charlie Newsom for preparing a delicious lunch during the Friday setup day of the Spring Garden Fair and also for cooking with the Master Food Preservers during the two-day event.

2nd Vice President: Carolyn Farias

- Carolyn wanted to thank Peter and Charlie for the entertainment during the auction and again to thank Bob and Charlie for cooking.

Treasurer's Report: Julie Kaszuba

- Julie thanked Skeeter for taking charge of the cashier responsibilities for the Spring Garden Fair. Saturday's revenue was \$8,904.00, which also included the sale of Garden Guides, raffle booth ticket sales and vendor booth fees. Sunday's revenue was \$1567.00. Overall, our two-day total was \$10,471.00. Julie will provide a net income next month after tabulating the expenses incurred for the event. Peter asked Julie to also provide a financial comparison to last year's Fairgrounds event.
- Peter also wanted to thank Susan Chernay, a former Master Gardener, for her donation of plant trays, hanging baskets, soaker and garden hoses. The hoses were sold during the auction and the many trays will be used next year for greenhouse propagation.

- Peter also commented that some of the parking lot potholes were finally filled this week, just a week later than requested.

Seeds Of Spring: Craig Ingram

- Nothing to report.

Greenhouse: Tracey Raggi

- The Greenhouse is empty. After the Fair, we had three flats of vegetables remaining that were donated to the mission and school gardens. There were twenty flats of unsold flowers. Eighteen flats were given to the Garden Club and two of the flats were sold at the auction. We still have a pallet of transplant mix for sale at \$8.50 per 2 Cu. Ft. bag. Anyone interested can purchase bags after the meeting.

Spring Garden Fair: Al Cook

- There will be a wrap up meeting starting ten minutes after the board meeting.
- Al asked us to consider giving a monetary donation to the Murphy Sidekicks. This group has used our annual event as a fundraiser the last few years, transporting purchased plants with their wagons for customers. This year their group did not make much money. Al asked for a board member to consider making a motion that we donate \$250 to the Murphy Sidekicks. The motion was made by Sybil Longinotti and seconded by Skeeter Guardione. A discussion followed with a mention that the Sidekicks only had three kids with wagons available for this event two of them did not seem to be doing anything for the majority of the time. A vote was called and the motion failed by a majority.

OMGA: Candace Bartow not present

- Al commented that the Mini College is open for registration. Al asked John Farias whether the registration forms could be placed on our website. John indicated that a link to OMGA was already in place.
- Al also commented that there is a \$200 scholarship available from the OMGA Board for a member to attend the Mini College.
- Peter asked Al about the funding for the OMGA auction. Al had mentioned at the last meeting that it might be better to provide a monetary contribution to OMGA in lieu of prizes since most auction prizes netted less than 60% of their value.
- Charlie Newsom commented that in the recent OMGA Gardener's Pen Newsletter, there was no mention of our Spring Garden Fair while plant sales for other counties were listed in the newsletter. Al said that he would discuss this with the Gardner's Pen editor.

Plant Clinic: Wilma Christian not present

Perennials: Craig Ingram

- On Sunday of the Spring Garden Fair, the perennial shelves were empty. But the shelves are being refilled and the supply will be in great shape for the next perennial sale on June 14th. We will have geraniums, hostas, dahlias, mallows, coreopsis and, Craig's favorite, dianthus available for sale.

K-12: Lilly Pattee

- We will have the donated plants from the greenhouse plus personal donated plants available for the school gardens.

Young Master Gardeners: Ruta Warren not present

- Ruta is currently in Korea but gave Peter her report. She asked him to report that there will be a Young Master Gardener meeting for volunteers on Tuesday, June 3rd at 11 AM after the board meeting. This meeting is to summarize the past year and make plans for the upcoming year of Young Master Gardeners. All Young Master Gardener volunteers are asked to attend. Anyone interested is also most welcome.
- Al commented that the Young Master Gardeners have submitted a project in the Search of Excellence competition sponsored by OMGA and that it may be presented at Mini College.

Newsletter Editor: Ruth Reel not present

- Ruth and Art are in Portland where Ruth is undergoing another surgical procedure for skin cancer. Ruth sent Peter her report, reminding us to check the next newsletter for several changes to the directory. These changes will be listed on page 2 under Editor's Notes and to please make these changes in your copy of the 2014 directory.

Publicity: Art Reel not present

Special Projects: Sybil Longinotti

- Today is the 1st meeting for Paint Your Heart Out. Sybil is unable to attend this meeting but she asked that we think about volunteering for this project. Our involvement consists of trimming shrubbery to provide access for the painters.

Communications: Steve Schoen not present

- It was mentioned that there are still some people not receiving the electronic version of the Master Gardener newsletter. Please contact Steve if you fall in this category.

Social: Bob Wilson

- Nothing to report.
- Peter again thanked Bob for cooking at the BBQ on Sunday.

Historian: Skeeter Guardione

- No report

Web Master: John Farias

- There is a gallery of about 2100 photos dating back to 2000 for you to review. Bob Wilson has about 400 more photos for John that will be added to the gallery.

JoCo Fair: Charlie Newsom

- Charlie said, “ I will be contacting each and everyone of you to see what you are entering in the Fair.” The Fair runs from August 13th through the 16th. Charlie is encouraging all Master Gardeners, their children and their grandchildren to have an entry in the Fair this year.
- Skeeter asked if we could have a class on how to present what we are entering in the Fair, since the Premium book is very specific on details. Karen Zoufal mentioned that the Master Food Preservers offered this class last year and will reconsider repeating it.

Growers’ Market: Lori Pernarelli

- The new Market Manager is very organized and has numbered the designated spaces for the vendors. We did entertain many gardening related questions but the one asked most frequently was “when can I plant my tomatoes?”

Garden Club: Kelley and Don Brandeau not present

- Cherrie Lynch invited everyone to the Garden Club Meeting 12:00 noon tomorrow at the Fruitdale Grange. The guest speaker, Katie Denton, will give a class on propagation techniques. The club will also have the results from their plant sale that was held last Saturday.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The committee reviewing the Bylaws and Position Descriptions will have their third meeting tomorrow. Hopefully, by the next Board meeting, any

proposed changes will be completed and presented for consideration by the general membership.

- We received a quarterly report from the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program. It states that in the first quarter ending 3/31/14, our supporters (2 households) have contributed \$4.81 donation total. This amount will be held until it reaches a \$25 total. Peter again asked members to log in and register their Fred Meyer rewards card linking your card to Josephine Master Gardeners. This helps benefit our organization. John has posted a link to this information on our website.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fairgrounds: Peter has been receiving phone calls from Germaine Cartmell requesting assistance in pruning the suckers off the rose bushes. She was told that she had pruned the roses incorrectly. Peter will work with Sybil and make this a Special Project. This would be another opportunity for volunteer hours.
- Skeeter offered thanks to Steve Schoen for his knowledge and help when the cashiers had problems with the square at the Spring Garden Fair. They were not aware that the square system times out after four hours.
- Karen Pleasant asked if anyone knew how the Fairgrounds did with their Garden Fair on Easter weekend. Comments were heard that the vendors were not happy with the organization and layout.
- Jim Porter suggested that Master Gardener purchase some additional wagons that can be used at our sales. He suggested small wagons that would be easy to maneuver in smaller places. This can be added to the Spring Garden critique meeting.
- Karen Zoufal asked about Master Gardener involvement in an event being held at the YMCA on May 22nd. She had noticed the mention in a YMCA newsletter but could find no details either in Josephine or Jackson County OSU publications. Lilly then commented that this is an event for Healthy Families that she and Ruta had arranged with the YMCA with approval from Karen Pleasant.
- Charlie provided trays of both Roma tomatoes and Jalapeno pepper plants for anyone present.
- The Scholarship committee has met and there are no qualified applicants that meet our criteria this year.
- Linda Dean suggested that our auditorium American flag is in need of replacement. Peter said that he would discuss this with Phil VanBuskirk.

NEXT MEETING: June 3, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURN: 11:00 a.m.

* Voting member

Minutes submitted by Lori Pernarelli

Subject to approval by the Board of Directors.