

Josephine County OSU Master Gardener

Unofficial General Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2017

Judy Anzalone	Candace Bartow	Fred Broccardo	Wilma Broccardo
Denny Bruno	Barry Burnsidess*	Wilma Christian*	Michael Engstrom
John Etchells*	Pat Etchells+	Joan Foley*	Stephen Hardesty
Lynne Hon	Charlotte Hutt	Julie Kaszuba	Jean Kitchen
Barbara Larson	Sybil Longinotti*	Cindy Low*	Eric Lundberg
Sue Lundberg	Cherrie Lynch	Phylis McIntosh*	Jim McManus
Paul Moschetti	Georgia Moulton	Jeanette Olmstead	Karen Paxton
Lori Pernarelli	Peter Pernarelli	Evie Perry	Karen Pleasant
Linda Price	Nancy Pyle+	Barbara Reavis	Art Reel
Ruth Reel	Terry Ruitter*	Joan Seward	John Struzik
Guy Young	Mike Zerwer	Karen Zoufal	

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 4, 2017 meeting were formally accepted as written.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

July Meeting: Our July meeting is July 4, 2017; Independence Day. The following week is the International Master Gardeners conference in Portland, Oregon. Terry Ruitter proposed that we cancel the July meeting. Candace Barstow moved and Phylis McIntosh seconded. Approved unanimously by the board members present. Also, there will be no newsletter in July

Mother's Day weekend sale: There will be a plant sale held at the OSU greenhouse area on May 13, 2017. Tomato plants, herb pots and hanging baskets are among the plants being sold. A separate email with additional details will be sent out.

2018 Officers and Committee Chairs: The 2018 Master Gardener Board will have one position that will term out; that of the president. There are many other opportunities available; please let Terry Ruitter know if you are interested. Also, a team of three or four Master Gardeners will lead the greenhouse program next year.

Master Gardener Coordinator – Karen Pleasant

OSU is now using an on-line registration system for classes or you can register at the Extension office. Classes are now \$15, but if you preregister, you get a \$5 discount for being a volunteer and a \$5 Master Gardener discount, making the price \$5. There was a discussion about

charging Master Gardeners for OSU classes. Some suggestions were made so Master Gardeners would not have to pay for OSU classes:

- Remove the recertification requirement
- Permanently certify Masters Gardeners who have been in good standing for a certain number of years.
- Volunteer hours could count in lieu of paying

Karen explained that she is given a budget to work with and had to increase the cost of classes to cover the overhead. She also said that the state Master Gardener board would have to approve any changes to the recertification process.

Karen talked about the Wildflower festival was held the last week of April. This was the fifty-second annual festival and Karen encouraged everyone to attend next year.

2017 student Deb Kauffman has volunteered to embroider your name on your Master Gardener apron/vest/shirt. The cost is \$5. You can reach her via her contact information in our directory.

1st VP report – Mark Schallheim

No report

2nd VP Report – Phylis McIntosh

No report

Secretary's Report – Cindy Low

No report

Treasurer's Report – John Etchells

As of April 30, 2017, total assets were \$48,538.82. Total income for April 1 – April 28 was \$10,444.16 and expenses were \$5,051.69. Revenue from the Spring Garden Fair was down 16%, largely due to the weather.

If you made a donation for the Spring Garden Fair Raffle or the White Elephant Auction, see John Etchells for a tax donation receipt.

While shopping at the Grange Co-Op or using the Fred Meyer Reward Program, don't forget to have them credit your purchases to Jo.Co. Master Gardeners. Also, if you shop using Amazon on-line, please go to Amazon Smiles and select "Master Gardener Association – Grants Pass" as a charity. Then every purchase you make will be credited to us. Amazon is a company that makes charitable donations based on the percentage of Smile sales from an organization. This is similar to the Fred Meyer Reward Program.

When you have bills for payment, please be sure to complete an Authorization for Payment/Reimbursement Form and have it signed by the committee head or officer responsible for the program. Failure to do so will delay payment of your expenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

New Projects – Sybil Longinotti and Joan Seward

New projects must include an educational element to be considered and some teaching needs to be part of the project. Clarification will be in the June 2017 newsletter.

Seeds to Supper – Breezy Schallheim

No report

Mentors – Joan Foley

There was a wrap up meeting on April 27, 2017. There was a discussion about what worked and what did not. A call for 2018 mentors will go out at a later date.

Seeds of Spring – Terry Ruiter

After all expenses were paid, we netted about \$400.

Greenhouse Managers – Peter Pernarelli

Peter thanked everyone involved with the Spring Garden Fair for all their hard work and time put in to making the sale a success. Peter gave a brief history of the Spring Garden Fair and suggested moving the date of the sale to the first weekend in May as well as have the students begin working in the greenhouse the first of February. Reasons for these moves are:

- Warmer weather for the plants to grow
- Plant hardening will not have to be explained at the Spring Garden Fair
- Plants sold at the Spring Garden Fair can be planted immediately

There was a pro/con discussion about having the Spring Garden Fair the first or second week of May. The motion to move it to the first weekend of May was made by Peter Pernarelli and seconded by Ruth Reel. The board voted unanimously to approve this change.

Reminder: our next social event will be May 19, 2017 at the Schmidt Family Winery. A separate email will be sent with additional details.

Perennials – Joan Foley

- 1- gallon pots are needed. If you have any, bring them to the perennial greenhouse or talk to Joan.
- The sprinkler control in that greenhouse needs repair. See Joan if you can help.
- The next perennial sale is June 24, 2017.

Trees – Mark Schallheim

Ray Pratt has been providing us with trees. This program is coming to an end and we need to develop our own program. **Reminder:** you get volunteer hours when you work on the trees.

Spring Garden Fair – Sybil Longinotti, Mike Zerwer, John Etchells

Sybil thanked everyone who volunteered. A special thanks to Wilma and Fred Broccardo for handling the hospitality duties for Mark and Breezy Schallheim. Sybil feels we need to change our marketing plan to help get the word out about the sale and improve attendance.

Mike Zerwer and John Etchells also thanked everyone on their respective teams for their help.

OMGA State Representative – Candace Bartow

Candace reminded everyone to read the OMGA newsletter because there is a lot of useful information in it as well as what the OMGA staff and the organization does. The last day for early registration for the International OMGA conference is May 26, 2017.

The next OMGA meeting to be held locally will be September 2017 in Jackson County and November 2017 in Josephine County. This will be a good opportunity to attend a meeting and not have to travel.

Plant Clinic – Wilma Christian

Wilma is very excited about the 2017 students and said they are doing very well at the Plant Clinic.

Judy Maxwell - the Insect Working group received funds for a new 12 drawer case. The smaller one will be converted to a herbarium and will be located in the Plant Clinic. The Insect Working group will present a pest box to the Hug-a-Bugs. Judy reminded us that the insect working group is available to provide assistance through the plant clinic.

K-12 Program – Charlotte Hutt

Charlotte asked that you come to her with any suggestions about this program.

Parkside Discussion – Fred Schlieper

No report

Young Master Gardeners – Sayaka Lean/Barry Burnsides

Barry reported that the last session will be May 10, 2017 at the Josephine Community Library and the topic will be plants for pollinators. The program will restart in September.

Newsletter Editor – Ruth Reel

All contact information changes are listed in the newsletter each month. Please be sure to update your directory with these changes. Send Ruth any changes to your contact information.

Publicity – Jeana Schorr

No report

Communications – John Etchells

Let John know if you have not been receiving emails from JoCo Master Gardeners so he can update your email information. A reminder to check your spam box since some email programs route our emails there.

IT – Steve Schoen

The small color printer in the Plant Clinic no long works and will not be replaced. The Plant Clinic computers are now connected to the Ricoh printer in the Extension Office. This is a more efficient printer and easier to use.

Hospitality – Mark/Breezy Schallheim

No report

Historian – Nancy Pyle/Linda Price

No report

Webmaster – Pat Etchells/Darcy Heater

No report. Peter Pernarelli advised that a correction needs to be made to the past president term dates.

County Fair – vacant

Charlie Newsom asked for help with the County Fair. Key dates are:

August 14, 2017, Monday, 9:00 a.m. - set up and decorating

August 15, 2017, Tuesday, 12:00 p.m. – help with collecting the vegetables/fruits/plants that are being submitted for judging. David James has agreed to judge again this year, but will need help. Judging begins at 6:30 p.m.

Call Charlie 541-472-8717 or email him Cnewsom1@msn.com (please put Fair in the subject line) if you can help.

Note – hours worked count toward your 2017 volunteer hours.

Growers Market – Hank Smith

Hank reported that this program is going well.

Garden Club – Cherrie Lynch

The next meeting is May 5, 2017 at the Fruitdale Grange. The program is Floral Design and Kate Smith and Mike Zerwer will be the presenters. Cherie thanked the JoCo Master Gardeners for the plant donations for their annual plant sale. Cherie needs containers for the 2018 Spring Garden Fair raffle. Please bring them to the Plant Clinic or the Perennial greenhouse on Tuesdays.

Rose Society – Mike Zerwer

The next meeting is May 21, 2017 at St. Anne's at 2:00. The topic is The Good, Bad and Bugly. The Rose Festival is June 3, 2017 at the JoCo Fairgrounds.

Old Business

Demonstration Garden Update – Diane Wickstrom

Diane thanked everyone who worked on the Krull Gardens to ready them for planting various berry bushes. The asphalt will be removed in the next two weeks. There is concern about petro-chemicals contaminating the soil under the asphalt, so the soil will be tested. The next planning meeting will be May 9, 2017, 10:30 at the Extension auditorium.

New Business

John Etchells encouraged everyone to "like" the JoCo Master Gardeners Facebook Page and share the upcoming plant sale on May 13, 2017 with all your Facebook contacts.

Next meeting: June 6, 2017 at 9:30

Adjourn: 11:17 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Cindy Low

Subject to approval by the Board of Directors

*Voting Board Member

+Non-Voting Board Member

