

Josephine County OSU Master Gardener

Unofficial General Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2017

Judy Anzalone	Wanda Babcock	Kathleen Bartlett	Barry Burnsidess*
Wilma Christian*	David Coon	Linda Dean	John Etchells*
Pat Etchells+	Pam Geye	Elaine Hill	Barbara Larson
Cindy Low*	Cherrie Lynch	Judy Maxwell	Jan McBride
Carolyn McCord	Phylis McIntosh*	Georgia Moulton	Jeanette Olmstead
Karen Paxton	Lori Pernarelli	Peter Pernarelli*	Evie Perry
Karen Pleasant	Nancy Pyle	Art Reel	Ruth Reel*
Terry Ruiters*	Breezy Schallheim*	Mark Schallheim*	Jeana Schorr
Diane Smith	Diane Wickstrom	Pamela Zaklan	Mike Zerwer*

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Terry Ruiters led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 2017 minutes had one correction. Under New Business, Young Master Gardeners Program was corrected to Junior Master Gardeners Program.

ANNOUNCEMENTSs

- The Josephine County Master Gardener 2018 officers are:
President – Pamela Zaklan
1st Vice President – Mark Schallheim
2nd Vice President – Phylis McIntosh
Secretary – Cynthia Low
OMGA Representative – Candace Bartow
Alternate OMGA Representative – Charlotte Hutt
- 70 Master Gardeners voted in the 2018 election. This is 26 percent of our membership.
- The OMGA fourth quarter meeting will be held at the Josephine County OSU Extension auditorium on November 4, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. OMGA is looking for new board members and officers. If you are interested, please attend the meeting.

Master Gardener Coordinator – Karen Pleasant

- The mentors for the 2018 Master Gardener class will be Denny Bruno, Barry Burnsidess, Tom Elliott, Joan Foley, Cindy Low, Janice McBride, Wil Scarrow and John Struzik. The alternates will be Candace Bartow, Carole Graper, Barbara Reavis and Mike Zerwer.
- The Community Education class list for September – December 2017 will be updated to include the Oregon Bee Project talk and workshop to be held on October 20 – 21.

- There will be a Soils Symposium on October 14, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the OSU Extension auditorium. Instructors will be James Cassidy, OSU Soils Professor and Scott Goode, Nourishing Systems/Master Gardener. Let Karen know if you can help at this event.
- Karen presented Wilma Christian with a new swinger for her badge – OSU Diamond Pioneer. Wilma will receive this award October 4, 2017. The Master Gardeners in attendance gave her a standing ovation to recognize all the work she has done.
- Please be sure to enter your volunteer and continuing education hours online so you can be recertified. You need 20 hours of volunteer activities and 10 hours of continuing education.
- There will be several new subjects in the 2018 Master Gardener training. Encourage anyone you know that is interested in becoming a Master Gardener to sign up for the class.
- The required annual insurance form will be in the next newsletter.
- Karen announced she will retire December 2017.

1st VP report – Mark Schallheim

- The 2017 Graduation/Award Party
 - The party will be October 28, 2017 at the Grants Pass Golf Club. The theme is Fall Festival. There will be a best costume and largest pumpkin contest. Dinner is a buffet. Dessert will be potluck style and will be provided by the Master Gardeners. Please let Mark know if you have any dietary restrictions/concerns.
 - The pumpkins will be weighed on Friday, October 27, 2017 at the open area between the Extension Office and the auditorium. The winner will be announced at the Award Banquet.
 - Send Mark pictures of your garden for the slide show.
 - The cost to attend will be: 2017 class – free, Master Gardeners - \$10, guests - \$20. See Nobelee Nooner to sign up and pay for your tickets. Tickets will be sold until October 13, 2017. Please R.S.V.P. to Mark at jocomg.1stvp@gmail.com.

2nd VP Report – Phylis McIntosh

- No report

Secretary's Report – Cindy Low

- No report

Treasurer's Report – John Etchells

- As of September 29, 2017, total assets were \$45,510.66. Total income from September 1 - 29, 2017 was \$666.00 and expenses were \$2,166.00.
- John made a motion that the 2018 Josephine County Master Gardener dues will be \$20. Diane Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Note – this amount may increase if OMGA raises dues. This will be decided at the November 2017 OMGA

meeting. Of the \$20 we pay in dues, \$7 goes to OMGA to help cover the costs of Mini College, IRS filings, annual PNW resource updates and some insurance.

- Reminder - While shopping at the Grange Co-Op and/or using the Fred Meyer Reward Programs, don't forget to have them credit your purchases to JoCo. 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 upon 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 item. Failure to do so will delay payment of your expenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

New Projects – Sybil Longinotti and Joan Seward

- No report

Seeds to Supper – Breezy Schallheim

- This program will resume January 2018.

Mentors – Joan Foley

- No report

Seeds of Spring – Terry Ruiter

- Seeds of Spring will be March 17, 2018.
- Let Terry know if you have suggestions for classes or are interested in teaching a class.

Greenhouse Manager – David Coon, John Etchells, Pat Etchells, Terry Ruiter

- The new Greenhouse management team has had several meetings to decide on which plants will be grown next year, how much soil to buy and general operations
- Peter Pernarelli announced that there needs to be a greenhouse clean up. He also inquired why there are so many grapes still on the vines behind the greenhouse. There was also a discussion about who is watering the grapes. No final decision was made.
- A new outer skin will be put on the greenhouse and the shade cloth on the cold frame needs to be removed. Also, some of the pipes for the irrigation system need to be repaired.

Perennials – Joan Foley

- This program is shut down while Joan is out of town.

Trees – Mark Schallheim

- Clean up needed in this area and the blackberries need to be trimmed as they are taking over the area.

Spring Garden Fair – Sybil Longinotti, Mike Zerwer

- Mike will lead the first Spring Garden Fair meeting, to be held immediately after the Master Gardener meeting today.

OMGA State Representative – Candace Bartow

- No report

Plant Clinic – Wilma Christian

- Wilma is beginning the process of selecting new seniors for next year's Plant Clinic. Please let her know if you are interested.

Insect Working Group (IWG) – Judy Maxwell

- Jan Knapic, a butterfly specialist, will speak at the October Garden Club meeting October 4, 2017. Her topic is monarch butterflies.
- The IWG will be participating in OSU's Oregon Bee Atlas project in southwestern Oregon. This group will visit us October 20th and 21st. They plan to see our collection, learn about the Insect Specialist Program and to explain our role in the survey. Judy explained that they need groups around the state with knowledge of collection and curating methods and we fill the bill. The goal of the project is to assess the diversity of bee pollinators in the state. The Bee Atlas group will speak at a public lecture on the 20th at 7:00 p.m. and will hold a Citizen's Science class on the 21st from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Register at the OSU Extension office with Sharon. Admission is free. This training counts as continuing education hours.
- Judy and Phylis McIntosh will speak at the Jackson County's Winter Dreams/Summer Gardens symposium, Saturday, November 4, 2017.

K-12 Program – Charlotte Hutt

- No report.

Young Master Gardeners – Sayaka Lean/Barry Burnsides

- The next session is October 11, 2017 at the Josephine Community Library and the topic is All About Seeds.

Newsletter Editor – Ruth Reel

- Annual forms will be mailed soon. Return them to Sharon Evans at the Extension Office. Be sure to bring your badge with you so Sharon can affix the recertification sticker.

- Mike Zerwer mentioned that some Master Gardeners get a hard copy of the newsletter and wanted to know what an appropriate donation to help cover that cost would be. Ruth explained that the annual dues cover this cost.

Publicity – Jeana Schorr

- Jeana reminded us that she is on KAJO every Wednesday at 11:55 talking about Master Gardener activities. She will talk about the 2018 Master Gardener class that is now open for registration.

Communications – John Etchells

- John had a problem sending emails to the Master Gardeners who use Qwest. The problem has been corrected and the emails will be resent.

IT – Steve Schoen

- No report.

Hospitality – Mark/Breezy Schallheim

- Breezy reported that six Master Gardeners signed up to help with hospitality duties. There will be a meeting soon since the first event to host will be the OMGA meeting in November.

Historian – Nancy Pyle/Linda Price

- The 2004 information is now available online and Nancy and Linda have finished reviewing 2005 and 2006 at the Courier archives. When these years go online, be sure to read them as there is an article about Art Reel and a picture of Ruth Reel.

Webmaster – Pat Etchells

- Pat reported working on getting 2004 history on our website. Also, if you send her photos to be added to our website, please be sure to list the date, location and who is in the picture.

County Fair – vacant

- No report.

Growers Market – Hank Smith

- This program is done for the year.

Garden Club – Cherrie Lynch

- The next meeting will be October 4, 2017, 12:00 p.m. at the Fruitdale Grange. Jan Knapic will give a presentation on Monarch butterflies. Katie Smith will be talking about pumpkin and fall décor as well as fall flower arrangements. Nancy Pyle will have examples of pumpkin decorations. Bring your own lunch.
- The Grants Pass Garden Club presented the Blue Star/Gold Star Memorial Markers honoring our Veterans on September 24, 2017 at Riverside Park. Grants Pass is the only town in Oregon that has a Gold Star marker! The Blue Star represents every immediate family member serving in the armed forces of the United States during any period of war in which the United States was engaged. When a family member died during their service, the blue star was replaced with a gold star.

Rose Society – Mike Zerwer

- The next meeting is Sunday, October 15, 2017, 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the River Catholic Church in Rogue River. The program will be Bee City.

Old Business

- Demonstration Garden Update – Twenty yards of topsoil were delivered as well as twenty yards of gravel. Help is needed to level the gravel.
- The final parts of the irrigation system have been purchased and will be installed soon in the Krull Garden.
- The target is to have these gardens done by the November OMGA meeting.

New Business

- None

Next meeting:

November 7, 2017 at 9:30.

Adjourn: 10:26 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Cindy Low

Subject to approval by the Board of Directors

*Voting Board Member

+Non-Voting Board Member

