

Josephine County OSU Master Gardener

Unofficial General Meeting

February 6, 2018

Judy Anzalone	Heidi Ashworth	Wanda Babcock	Paula Bennett
Barry Burnside*	Wilma Christian*	Anna Demeduk	John Etchells*
Pat Etchells*	Joan Foley*	Jill Gleysteen	Lynne Hon
Debbie Kauffman	Judy Larson	Sybil Longinotti*	Cindy Low*
Cherrie Lynch	Judi Maxwell	Jan McBride	Phylis McIntosh*
Janet O'Donovan	Lori Pernarelli	Peter Pernarelli	Evie Perry
Linda Price	Art Reel	Ruth Reel*	Terry Ruitter
Jackie Samuelson	Breezy Schallheim*	Mark Schallheim*	Jeana Schorr+
Hank Smith*	Jennifer Voris	Guy Young	Pam Zaklan*
Mike Zerwer*			

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 2018 minutes were approved with corrections noted by Nancy Pyle and Judi Maxwell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- January – April 2018 OSU Extension class list is now available, as is the Seeds of Spring Catalog.
- It was determined that Pam Zaklan should order one set of PNW handbooks from OMGA. There is no cost since it is paid for from the dues we pay to them.
- A representative from The Good Earth Organics Supply announced they now have a store in Cave Junction and Grants Pass, specializing in five and 10 pound bags of soil and various amendments.

Master Gardener Coordinator – John Punches, standing in until the replacement has been announced

- Please be sure you sign and turn in the two forms required by OSU to be a Master Gardener in 2018.
- Two candidates for Karen Pleasant's replacement have been interviewed and a verbal offer has been made. There will be an announcement very soon of who was selected.

1st VP report – Mark Schallheim

- 30 people attended Movie Night.
- Bingo will be February 24th, 11:30 – 2:00, at the OSU Extension auditorium. There will be a taco bar pot luck. Please let Mark know if you plan to attend and/or bring food.

- There will be a no-host happy hour after Master Gardener training on January 18, February 8, March 1 and 29 at Spurlocks, 202 Redwood Hwy, Ste C, Grants Pass, from 4:15 – 6:00. This will give the new trainees and veteran Master Gardeners a chance to get to know each other in a non-classroom setting.
- There will be a chili cook-off on March 18th, 2:00 – 6:00 at John and Pat Etchells' home. More details to follow..

2nd VP report – Phylis McIntosh

- No report.

Secretary's Report – Cindy Low

- No report.

Treasurer's John Etchells

- Total assets for 2017 were \$37,621.86, down from 2016 assets of \$41,652.30. Total income for 2017 was \$26,587.00 and total expenses were \$30,616.00
- As of January 31, 2018, total assets were \$39,053.32. Total income from January 1 – 31, 2018 was \$3421.58 and expenses were \$1,982.00.
- Reminder! 2018 dues of \$20 are due now.
- Reminder - While shopping at the Grange Co-Op or using the Fred Meyer Reward Programs, don't forget to have them credit your purchases to Josephine County 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

- There will be a training session February 23, 2018 at the OSU Extension auditorium from 11:00 – 5:00. You will receive volunteer hours by attending.
- Seeds to Supper will begin in March for six weeks and is held once a week.

Mentors – Joan Foley

- 2018 Master Gardener training is going well. Joan thanked the seniors who brought food to help augment what the class brings.
- Student Appreciation Day will be Thursday, February 15th. Wear red or pink and bring the hat you wear when gardening.

Seeds of Spring – Terry Ruiter

- Seeds of Spring is scheduled to be held March 17, 2018 at Rogue Community College. You can check their website for more information. The cost this year is \$30 and lunch is available for \$10. Contact Terry if you would like to volunteer at this event.

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

- The students are planting seeds and pruned the grapes last week.
- There is some drip irrigation tubing missing from the greenhouse shed. Please let one of the greenhouse managers know if you have any information about this.

Perennials – Joan Foley

- Perennials are now on sale for \$3.
- Repairs will begin soon on the greenhouse.

Trees – Mark Schallheim

- There will be a Propagation Fair, scion exchange and potluck on March 11 from 11:00 – 4:00 at the SCA Park, 206 Tetherow Road, Williams.
- The trees behind the greenhouse will be transplanted by the trainees.

Spring Garden Fair – Sybil Longinotti, Mike Zerwer

- The next meeting will be immediately after this Master Gardener meeting.

OMGA State Representative – Candace Bartow

- No report

Plant Clinic – Wilma Christian

- No report.

Insect Working Group (IWG) – Judi Maxwell

- The IWG will be part of the Oregon Bee Atlas project. They will set up collection sites in March and for the next two-three years will go back to the same sites once or twice a month to trap, identify and report their findings back to the project. The group will be allowed to net the bees to capture them.
- Phylis McIntosh will speak at the next Garden Club meeting.

- On Thursday, February 15th, Judi will speak to the Master Gardener class on Garden Entomology.
- Please let Judi Maxell or a member of the IWG know if you find any bumble bees in your yard. There is a concern that the warm weather will bring them out, with no food supply available. There have already been several sightings. The form is available in the Plant Clinic.

K-12 Program – Charlotte Hutt

- No report.

Young Master Gardeners – Sayaka Lean/Barry Burnsides

- The next session is February 14th at the Josephine Community Library. The topic is plants without seeds – moss, lichen, ferns and mushrooms. Let Barry know if you are interested in working with this group.
- There will be a hydroponic workshop February 10, 2018, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the OSU Extension auditorium. The cost is \$85 to cover materials.

Newsletter Editor – Ruth Reel

- Submit any articles to Ruth no later than the 20th of the month.
- When you pay your 2018 dues, please be sure to include the information sheet that is in the January newsletter. This helps Ruth confirm that she has our correct contact information.

Publicity – Jeana Schorr

- Please sign up to be part of Jeana's weekly talk show on KAJO, every Wednesday at 12:45.

Communications – John Etchells

- John has had no problems getting emails out to the Master Gardeners.

IT – Steve Schoen

- No report

Hospitality – Mark/Breezy Schallheim

- Mark thanked the trainees for being so generous with their monetary contributions to cover the cost of coffee, tea and water.
- Please let Mark know if you would like to help with the hospitality during the upcoming Seeds of Spring on March 17th.

Historian – Nancy Pyle/Linda Price

- No report

Webmaster – Pat Etchells

- No report.

County Fair – Pam Zaklan

- No report.

Growers Market - Hank Smith

- Seniors will be able to sign up to work at the Growers Market beginning next month.

Garden Club – Cherrie Lynch

- The next meeting will be February 7, 2018, 12:00 p.m. at the Fruitdale Grange. The Hug-a-Bug group will speak and there will be a presentation on Wilson Biochar. You will get 45 minutes – 1 hour of Continuing Education time.

Rose Society – Mike Zerwer

- The next meeting is February 18, 2018, 2:00 p.m. at the Our Lady of the River church in Rogue River. The topics presented will be propagating roses and chemical safety.
- There will be a pruning seminar March 3rd at Riverside Park. Sign up through the Extension Office and bring your own pruners.

Old Business

- Demonstration Garden Update – Phylis McIntosh – The ribbon cutting is scheduled for April 21st. A county commissioner has been asked to attend. Phylis thanked John Etchells for building the planter box that is now in the West garden. There will be two Juvenile Work crews at the garden to spread bark and decomposed granite.

New Business

- There is a Junior Master Gardener program for fourth and fifth grade students at the Highland Elementary School. There are currently 10 students that meet every Wednesday. Please contact Amy Pernarelli if you would like to be a part of this program. The curriculum was developed at Texas A&M and is very easy to follow.
- Pam Zaklan announced that she plans to meet with each Master Gardener group to find out what they are working on. Also, she will be out of the country until February 25, 2018. The only way to reach her is via email.

Next meeting

March 6, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Adjourn: 10:37 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Cindy Low

Subject to approval by the Board of Directors

*Voting Board Member

+Non-Voting Board Member