

Washington County Master Gardeners Association

Board Meeting on Oct 11th, 2024, 9 am at Extension Office

Minutes

Present: Lisa Barnhart, Marilyn Berti, Steve Kister, Deb Hansen, Mary Hewitt, Dan McDonald, Harriet Ottaviano, Hope Preston, Sue Ryburn, Terry Wagner.

Absent: Connie Kirby

Guests: Lisa Hansen, Karen Graham

- Hope Preston convened the meeting, welcoming *Lisa Hansen* who received *Special Acts/Making a Difference* recognition for October, 2024.

Karen Graham gave a recap of the OSU Extension Washington and Multnomah ECAN Meeting.

ECAN supports OSU Extension and monitors Washington County funding with respect to Extension. Karen asked the board to recruit a WCMGA member to attend future meetings.

Directory for Members: Karen will train a WCMGA member to compile the 2025 Directory.

BOARD REPORTS

CHAPTER RELATIONS/Terry Wagner

- Terry distributed a list of 2024 awards given to date.
- November MG of Note- Terry will send board members a message, requesting nominations.
- Fall Social- well attended. Social Committee formed.
- Dec 10th Luncheon at noon, for 2024 and 2025 board members. December 10th meeting will begin at 10 am.
- Discussion of Members Only Facebook page and access by those in the group.

TREASURER/Connie Kirby- Dan gave the report in Connie's absence.

VICE PRESIDENT/Sue Ryburn

The slate of candidates for 2025 open board positions was presented to members at October Members Meeting. At the November Chapter Members meeting, members will vote regarding acceptance of the nominations for 2025 open board positions.

PROGRAMS/Marilyn Berti

Activities for 2024 are wrapping up. Planning in place for 2025 programs.

COMMUNICATIONS/Steve Kister

Continuing with publication of Chapter Chat .

FUNDRAISING/Lisa Barnhart

- Preparing for the start of GardenFest 2025 planning. Considering adoption of software for labeling.
- Transitioning in Bottle Drop and Square programs assignments.

PUBLICITY/Harriet Ottaviano

November publicity sent. We hope to have new brochures printed by the end of the year.

BUSINESS MANAGER/ Dan McDonald

Compiling inventory report. There should not be an impact on our insurance policies. Working with Stephanie Engle to transition to 2025 WCMGA Business Manager Director responsibilities.

OMGA/Deb Hansen

Reported from the Executive Board of OMGA: Dues for 2025, and link for the publication "Gardener's Pen".

OLD BUSINESS

2025 Board Nominations/ Members will vote on the nominations at the November 12th Chapter Meeting

2025 Budget Approval-Discussion

- Revisions had been made to Awards and Recognition, and OSU support, line items.
- Budget to be presented at November 12th, Chapter Meeting and voted on at the December 3rd Members meeting.

As amended, Dan McDonald moved to approve; the board approved 2025 budget.

- **OSU program support- Marilyn moved to approve \$7500 to support Extension in 2025, as part of our 2025 budget.**
- Hope will have a conversation with Srijana regarding use of the \$7500 amount.

Voluntary Reporting System Rollout- Discussion of the experience of using the reporting system which is required for recertification.

Meeting adjourned by Hope Preston at 11 am.

Upcoming: October 26, 10am to noon; *Gardening with PNW Natives*, PCC Rock Creek Ed Garden

Nov 12th, 7pm-8:30 pm. *Introduction to Growing Berries*, presentation followed by Chapter Meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Hewitt, Recording Secretary

Approved by Hope Preston , President October 21, 2024

