

WCMGA Board Meeting November 8th, 2024, 9 am at Extension Office

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

Absent: Steve Kister

Meeting opened by Hope Preston, President.

REPORTS

Chapter Relations /Terry Wagner

- Terry needs more gift cards for door prizes. She is organizing a luncheon after the December 13th meeting to include current and new board members and Washington County Extension support staff.
- Nominations: December MG of Note: Sue Ryburn will write a nomination for Lakshmi Srinivasan, and Stephanie Engle. Jorie Helwig will be nominated by Sue in January.
- Terry is investigating a venue for the February member social.

Treasurer/ Connie Kirby Short on members paying dues for 2025

- Chapter Outreach- There are still funds to spend before end of 2024.
- Reminder to submit reimbursement requests within 30 days of the expenditure.
- 2025 budget: To be presented to members at November Chapter meeting. Hope will provide the budget to members in the November agenda. Budget will be voted on at December Chapter meeting.
- Will change signature authorization of the bank card to list the 2025 Board Business Manager Director.
- Notify Connie of in-kind donations to note on tax report for 2024.

Programs/ Marilyn Berti

Activities in the association gardens are winding down for winter. No chapter sponsored events this month.

Reminder that the *Solve Pest and Weed Problems*- cards with QR scan are available.

2025 intern workshops – There are 10 on schedule.

Communications/Steve Kister No report

Fundraising/Lisa Barnhart 2025 Gardenfest kick off steering committee meets on Nov 21st. looking for leaders for some teams. Spending American conifer Society grants with new plant ID stakes in Ed Garden.

Publicity/ Harriet Ottaviano December publicity is out. Working on January Publicity.

Working on new brochures for each association garden for 2025.

Business Operations/ Dan McDonald Dan has met with Stephanie Engle to transition the leadership responsibilities for business manager director. Completing inventory for 2024.

Vice President/ Sue Ryburn The slate of new board candidates will be voted on at November Chapter meeting. Harriet asks for suggestion for a member interested in taking on publicity for 2026 to begin transitioning to take on that Publicity Director duties.

OMGA Representative/ Deb Hansen Dr. Madsen spoke at the recent OMGA meeting about Seed to Supper program. Certification- statewide, 1700 fewer people currently certified this year. The Joy of Gardening attendance doubled in 2024 doubled. The MOU with OSU and OMGA is being reviewed and updated. OMGA is open to new ideas to implement at state level.

OLD BUSINESS

OSU Program support- no update.

VRS Rollout- no new report

December meeting and lunch. Board meeting begins at 10 am on December 13th. Luncheon follows at noon.

NEW BUSINESS

- Website update: Will add *Grow1 Give 1*. Recently added *Home Plate Youth Services Program*. Link added to Voluntary Reporting System.
- Suggestion made to add a few minutes to each chapter meeting to give tips on technical topics relevant to our program, such as using VRS and finding info on website, Larina and Hope may contribute to this. Terry volunteered to write a column for *Chapter Chat* on how to use the website.

Meeting adjourned by Hope at 10:30 am. Minutes prepared by Mary Hewitt, Recording Secretary

