



Washington County Master Gardener™ Association

Minutes of January 10, 2025 Board Meeting

Attendees: Lisa Barnhart, Stephanie Engle, Deb Hansen, Mary Hewitt, Larina Hoffbeck, Connie Kirby, Steve Kister, Hope Preston, Harriet Ottaviano, Tera Ramsey, Terry Wagner.

Meeting called to order by Hope Preston, President, at 8:30 am.

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REPORTS

Chapter Relations/Terry Wagner

- Jorie Helwig is nominated as MG of note for the month of February. Sue Ryburn wrote the nomination.
- Members' Spring Social to be held at Beaverton City Library on February 15th, from 2-3pm set up, 3-5 pm social, 5-6 pm clean up. Discussion of table choice and set up.
- Refreshments, door prizes will be provided. Terry will ask Srijana to speak

Treasurer/Connie Kirby Financial reports were submitted to the board prior to the meeting.

Programs/Larina Hoffbeck

- Calendar of 2025 Activities for the Public is published and available on the WCMGA website. The Calendar of 2025 Activities for Members and Interns is also available on the Member's portal.
- Larina reviewed the number of types of events that were held in 2024, including public webinars, In The Garden series, and classes for interns.
- Marilyn Berti is planning the March welcome event for the 2025 interns.

Communications/Steve Kister Monthly publication of the Chapter Chat is ongoing. Steve will mention the change in the Intel donation program that matches retirees volunteer hours.

Fundraising/Lisa Barnhart Lisa reports that planning meetings are in motion for the May GardenFest plant sale and major fundraising event.

Publicity/Harriet Ottaviano

- The February releases are out.
- Events in early March are being publicized.
- Ed Garden brochures are printed.
- Feedback from contacts indicates a need for more volunteers in the Speakers Bureau.
- Amy Espinoza is the contact for information about joining the Speakers Bureau, organized by Metro.

Business Manager /Stephanie Engle Stephanie is in touch with Dan regarding the timeline of duties.

Vice President/Tera Ramsey Tera is reviewing the position description of responsibilities. The Board gave input.

OMGA/ Deb Hansen The 2025 Joy of Gardening Conference will have a similar format and location as in previous years. Some Washington County MGs will be involved as speakers this year. OMGA would like to know if chapters are working with outside vendors or business sponsors who provide grants for educational events.

OLD BUSINESS

- State of the Chapter 2024- ready to post on the website and send to members.
- Strategic Plan Status- will need to update after 2025, do we need a Strategic Plan, plans for updating?
- Directory- reviewed a list of members who have yet to renew. Checking on these members and preparing to print 2025 directory

NEW BUSINESS

RECAN is the Regional Extension Citizen Advisor Network, for the Metro Area Counties. Hope will attend these meetings and will report back to the WCMGA Board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am

Respectfully submitted by Mary Hewitt, WCMGA Recording Secretary

Approved by: Hope Preston, WCMGA Chapter President,