



Washington County Master Gardener™ Association

May 16th, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, 9 am at Extension Office and Zoom

Attendance: Lisa Barnhart, Stephanie Engle, Deb Hansen, Mary Hewitt, Larina Hoffbeck, Steve Kister, Harriet Ottaviano, Hope Preston, Tera Ramsey.

Absent: Terry Wagner, Connie Kirby.

BOARD REPORTS

Chapter Relations/Terry Wagner

- Notes from Terry Wagner: Send write up and photo for award nominations to Terry and she will forward these to Steve Kister for *Chapter Chat*.
- The Board decided on the June nomination for Master Gardener of Note - Lakshmi Srinivasan. Write up to be done by Lisa Barnhart and Hope Preston.
- Terry wrote and provided to the Board, a sample letter requesting donations from local businesses in support of the OMGA Joy of Conference. Bring donations to the *Joy of Gardening Conference* in July.

Treasurer/Connie Kirby

- Notes from Connie Kirby: Documentation is needed to request reimbursement when using the Association credit card. This documentation supports our tax-exempt status.

Programs/Larina Hoffbeck

- Larina is writing a *Chapter Chat* article, providing directions on how to sign up and participate in *Help Line*.

Comunications/Steve Kister

The use of *Chapter Chat* is going smoothly. Mail Chimp reporting is going well. There was some discussion of the number of contacts opening Chapter Chat. There also was a discussion of lists of contacts signed up for Chapter Chat.

Fundraising/Lisa Barnhart

- Lisa gave a report on the *GardenFest* plant sale on May 3rd and reported initial estimates of profits.
- There are questions moving forward, regarding the amount of time donated by a few people. Plant Propagation is one area needing more volunteers.
- PCC leadership asked for a meeting regarding clearance sale that coincides with student sale.

Publicity/ Harriet Ottaviano

Gave us the flyers to post for *Open Garden* and *GardenFair*

Business Manager/Stephanie Engle

All insurance policies paid. Discussion of insurance applying to minor aged volunteers

Vice President/Tera Ramsey

Reviewing files regarding *Strategic Plan* goals. Will report on this at the June meeting

OMGA/Deb Hansen

Most of the OMGA news regards the *Joy of Gardening Conference* and the review of OMGA by-laws.

OLD BUSINESS

2025 Directory revised again with 2025 interns added. Hope will send this to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board will discuss the *Strategic Plan* at the June Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10 am

Respectfully submitted by Mary Hewitt, WCMGA Recording Secretary

Approved by: Hope Preston, WCMGA Chapter President,

ADDENDUM

E mail message from Hope to Board noted that Lakshmi had been recently recognized in December, 2024 as MG of Note.

Hope and Terry concurred to recognize Dan McDonald, Karen Anderson and Robin Burnham, for MG of Note recognition for June, 2025. Terry will send written nominations to Steve Kister to publish in June, Chapter Chat. The Board members approved this change through e-mail.