

Central Gorge Master Gardener™ Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 2019, OSU Extension Service Office

Attendees: Bosler, Eric; Bosler, Shari; Bradley, Christie; McGregor, Kathy; Montag, Sandy; Nastasi, Heidi; Slagle, Nancy; Sturman, Bill; Suits, Rachel; Taylor (Citlau) Renee;

Secretary's Report (Christie): Heidi is sending Christie the latest version of the January minutes.

Treasurer's Report (Nancy): Nancy sent the treasurer's report in January and there has been no activity since then. She received the payout she requested from the OSU Foundation. She is still working with them to finalize the signature sheet. There was a suggestion to work on signature card updates after the election, rather than waiting. This will be added to the yearly calendar.

The new OMGA treasurer is a CPA and will be holding workshops.

An audit was held and no issues were found. Nancy is going to check with other chapters and see how frequently they are doing audits because quarterly audits may be a bit excessive. This is in our by-laws, so changing the frequency will require a change in the by-laws and approval by the membership. Rachel re-scheduled the class that was postponed for April 17. She attended a meeting that was set up using Web-Ex, so she is considering that as a possibility for times the classes cannot be held (such as when the weather is not amenable). She is also considering moving the training that starts in February to March next year.

Rachel has been making a few changes to the planned classes because of conflicts.

Tuesday evening, the county is having an open house at the high school to talk about the upcoming ballot measures. They will be discussing all of the programs that OSU Extension provides in the county. Rachel will be announcing that in class

Rachel also has Sling training scheduled, but will move that out to March. This is required for all returning Master Gardeners.

OMGA (Eric for Barbara): An OMGA quarterly board meeting is coming up and Eric is hoping someone from CGMGA can attend. The meeting will be addressing inclusiveness and diversity. Eric also noted that people should take

the communications survey that OMGA sent out. Some of the feedback that has come in indicates that there may be need for improvement on communication between OMGA and the chapters. Rachel sent the link in the newsletter.

Eric noted that the webinar series is really well done, and if people like it, they should note that on the surveys. Links to the webinars can be found in *The Gardner's Pen* and the newsletter.

Old Business

Project Review (Renee): Renee has a review template from Central Oregon. She has another one that has fewer questions. The consensus was that the Central Oregon one was too long and the other was too short. We were originally planning on reviewing all of the projects to see if they aligned with our goals. If we redesign it, we need to discern aspects like how many people the project serves and what the educational components are. We also need to evaluate how many people we are reaching as well as the groups we are reaching. The language needs to be more concrete and have examples and context. The overall goal of the survey is to evaluate how well the individual programs address the goals as well evaluate the organization, in general. This would include, for example, evaluation of activities we do that do not fall into the criteria of educating the public, but are critical for the health of the organization (such as garden visits and mentoring).

The OSU criteria should provide the guidance for the whole educational piece. We need to go back and look at their goal and mission. Rachel will get a copy of the mission and vision statements for Renee.

We do not need to finish the entire evaluation process right away, we first need to set some concrete goals and then work on it. Our strategic plan may have some things we can use, but it is not set up in a way that makes it usable as it is. We'll probably be working on it for the next year.

Greenhouse Appreciation (Renee): Renee and Sandy talked to Dave Cutler about providing an engraving bid for the stones. He gave them a bid of \$400 for all of the stones and he will be preparing a sample. There was a vote to approve the money for this bid if the sample is acceptable. This was approved. There may be money in the greenhouse budget for this already. If not, the money could come out of the greenhouse capital budget.

Board members (Sandy): Sandy suggested that the past president be a member of the board for the year after their presidency. This could be an appointed position, so that, if the past-president is not able to continue on the board for a year, they could appoint someone. This would require a bylaw change and chapter approval.

Letters to the Editor (Sandy): Sandy needs at least two more people to write letters to the editor in the Hood River News supporting Extension and the ballot in May.

New Business

Garden Tour (Heidi): The committee has signup sheets and they still need a couple of garden leaders, and parking and hospitality leaders. The date is June 22 from 9-4. Kathy Flick will be presenting on attracting birds and bird habitat. The committee will probably use Eventbrite to sell tickets. Eventbrite would need a routing and account number to deposit ticket sale revenue into our account. Nancy would like to know what kind of reporting mechanism they have so she could tell what money was deposited by them.

Plant Sale (Email from LJ): Laurel and LJ are finishing the seed orders. Vanguard will be delivering the plants in March. Margo is working on the press release and Christie on labels. Potting parties are being scheduled. It is also time to turn in the nursery license application. The plant sale is on May 11.

Brassicas and Beer (Christie): The classes and presenters are still being set up. Christie requested \$200 for honoraria for Brassicas and Beer speakers. Since there is not a line item for Brassicas and Beer, this would come out of general funds. This was approved.

Speaker Introductions (Kathy): Kathy noted that, in the past, we had someone introduce the instructors. Kathy is willing to take over finding people to do introductions. Those doing them could talk to the presenter for a few minutes before class and then do an introduction. There was concern that these could go too long, so Kathy will ensure the people making introductions know they need to be very brief.

Old Minutes (Rachel for Sandi): Sandi has hard copies of old minutes and wondered if we wanted them. Christie will talk to Sandi about getting any electronic ones and putting them on our Drive account.

Radio Show (Eric): The radio show is Friday and they will be discussing classes, changes to the program, and Seed to Supper.

Classes (Eric): The classes are open to the public and will cost \$10, or \$50 for the series. People do not have to sign up – they can just come. Cheryl has been the only one to volunteer for hospitality, so we need to get a sign-up sheet.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

Meeting minutes taken by Christie Bradley