

# **Central Gorge Master Gardener™ Association**

## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Held via Zoom on Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 10, 2021, Virtual

**Attendees:** Bailey, Jean; Benson, Norma; Bradley, Christie; Dameier, Margo; Gehrig, Anne; Montag, Sandy; Reese, Helga; Rousseau, Sandi; Spezia, Barbara; Stevens, John; Van Natta, Anny; Willis, Joanne; Wickersham, Megan; Winfield, Bill

**Secretary's Report** (Christie): Changes to the September minutes have all been incorporated and minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** (Joanne): Joanne has had light activity. The new desktop computer is on it's way (though delayed), and has been paid for.

**OSU/Extension** (Megan): There are no changes to Covid guidelines from OSU. We can have in-person meetings if we choose to (at the discretion of the group and county).

We had a discussion about whether we should move from Zoom to in-person meetings. We decided we are not ready for in-person meetings with the current number of cases and because there are no boosters for Moderna and J&J yet.

Megan shared the proposed class schedule for review. The first class is scheduled for February 9. It will be an Intro class and everyone is asked to join it because there is new information. Megan suggests having a mentor/mentee class on February 2 or alternatively have mentors/mentees get together offline prior to February 9. We will make a final decision about that later.

On Feb 12 is botany. Pesticides will be an online class. We could do those (modules) on our own or in groups and then come together later for questions. Vegetable gardening is also a module (online, recorded), with the Seed to Supper team handling the Q&A. March has several classes. There was a general discussion about all of the various classes that are either committed to, or are being considered.

Plant clinic is almost finished for the year. Most people have all their plant clinic hours, and Megan is working with those who still need the hours.

**Recognition** (Anne): Anne is working on table decorations. Megan is printing certificates. There was a discussion on flowers and what could be available. Paul M. may have flowers available. Sandi would like Megan to resend the information about the Crag Rat contract, which needs to be filled out. They want to make sure we have insurance coverage.

## **Old Business**

**Awards** (Sandi): Sandi is working with the awards sub-committee to evaluate submissions. There have not been very many submissions and the deadline will be extended to Tuesday, October 19th. She wants Megan to send out a reminder to get more. Megan is accepting photos from the tests and would like to get more photos from that and other events for the slide show (which Jennifer is putting together).

**Mandated Vaccine Discussion** (Sandi): Originally we were going to ask that people be vaccinated to attend the recognition event. Sandi originally had the invitations mention that vaccines are suggested, and there was some discussion about whether this is forceful enough (and if we can mandate this). Everyone will have to be masked, and it will also be offered virtually for those who are not vaccinated and for anyone who prefers not to attend in person. So we can make it clear that we prefer everyone is vaccinated, and they could attend virtually if they are not or if they have concerns.

**Garden Visits** (Sandi): The garden visits are now complete.

**Parkdale Memorial Garden** (Sandi): Nancy sent Sandi an email noting that the Parkdale Blue Star recognition at the Parkdale Memorial Garden had over 60 attendees and was very successful.

**Learning Garden** (Joanne): Joanne got a bid from someone who could do a fall cleanup and a bi-weekly maintenance for next year, but the cost was too high. She is planning a fall cleanup event with volunteers. Megan will add it to her update email.

Joanne asked about whether we could pay Master Gardeners or high school kids for maintenance. Megan will check on this. Anne mentioned a Community Work Day that the school has that might be an option to look into. In addition, some schools require community service hours. Or the Klahre House kids might have an interest.

Megan noted that we might be able to find ways to minimize the maintenance with various changes to the garden. It might also be helpful to keep things

under control by having sub-groups. Some of the other Master Gardener chapters have some required hours for new Master Gardeners to work in the demonstration garden. Megan noted that this is a point of contention because it is just maintenance. We do need to encourage new Master Gardeners to be involved in the demonstration garden. If we had projects to revamp parts of the garden, especially with less maintenance as a goal, that might be a good opportunity to get more people involved.

**Library Garden** (Norma): The library garden team has had good turnouts for maintenance. Regarding the brochures, Norma has not gotten them done. She has a friend in White Salmon who may be able to build a kiosk for that garden. The brochure holders in the learning garden were made by Nancy, Mary, and Diane's brother and he may be willing to do more. Joanne has information on a company that does outdoor signage.

**Publicity Committee** (Megan): LeAnn Locher (statewide outreach coordinator) has done a lot of work with creating MG training flyers, brochures, and posts. She and Megan have samples of these that have the official OSU fonts and graphics. Megan took it to the team for reference. For timeliness and ease of use, they will be using some of these resources. Jewell is resigning for health reasons.

**Master Gardener Spotlight for Newsletter** (Anne & Anny): Anne and Anny are still working on this. Anne will be doing one for November and Anny for December. Sandi has a list of people she thinks might be good to spotlight.

## **New Business**

**Elections** (Sandi): Sandi and Shari talked about potential people for various offices. Barbara Spezia is willing to be a member at large since Jean Bailey is no longer interested. Sandi talked to a few people about other roles, including President-elect.

**Plant Sale Planning** (Sandi): Sandi is putting together a Plant Sale planning meeting.

**OMGA Report** (Anny): Anny went to an OMGA board meeting. They want us to do nominations for Master Gardener of the Year and other awards earlier, if possible.

**Budget 2022** (Joanne): Joanne put the 2022 budget together. This was reviewed. The budget was approved to be distributed to the membership for a final vote.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

Meeting minutes taken by Christie Bradley