

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

General Meeting Minutes

December 7th, 2021

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:

Claudia Turner	Tina Powers
Edward Powers	Mary Ann Babb
Dottie Tucker	Mike Mueller
Kathy Creason	Bob German
Elaine Goodner	Mary Dixon
Lynn Jackson	Caren Brewster
Donna Leveridge-Campbell	

Meeting started 10:05 am Meeting needed to be zoom due to a water main leak in the building.

Meeting in January will be in person and badges and stickers will be awarded then. Donna has been suffering from a broken foot.

ADDITIONS: No additions to agenda.

INTRODUCTIONS: No introductions

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements

APPROVAL OF November 9th 2021, MEETING MINUTES No discussion or changes.

Motion to approve by Mary Dixon

Seconded by: Mary Ann Babb motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT Claudia Turner/ Mary Ann Babb

<i>Prior balance</i>	<i>17319.52</i>
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)</i>	<i>165.00</i>
<i>Interest</i>	<i>.29</i>
<i>Expenses (office expenses)</i>	
<i>Ending balance (December 31st 2021)</i>	<i>17,484.81</i>

Savings: Savings CD is \$8,428.95

Financials motioned and approved unanimously.

Dues are due currently. Still at \$15.00

Letters sent out with a good reception.

Budget posted on the blog. Areas to discuss: "Fertilize your Mind "is a wash, due to income and expense. OSU reimburses

our costs. It's up to the group to donate \$500 dollars towards speaker fees cost to help. We should put \$500. Towards speakers. Should we put \$3500 into the budget for 2022? To be discussed at the next meeting. Dottie Tucker (OGA meeting: one of the things that they talked about was education and we should put the money in because it forwards education. We have not had a fund raiser and we use the moneys for scholarships. This is declining so we need give just school garden grants instead of the scholarships. Scholarships were going to county residents but was not always staying in our county and the benefits were not going towards our county. There was a drop in outreach. Covid has been a real killer of activities. The students are not applying for the scholarships so we might want to just keep the money for school gardens. WE had 2000 budgeted for scholarships and 3000 for school garden grants. Let's give 4000 to the school grants and none for scholarships this year. Transfer from reserves. WE will pull the scholarship program and add to the student school grants for gardens at the school. For master gardener trainees, OSU reimburses us for the 50 that they get back. 50 percent of the trainees finish and get their hours. Expenses on the budget is proposed 10,606. If we don't have anyone apply for scholarships we would not have to pull from the reserves. Budget will be up on the blog. We may get some funding from the plant clinic, but we probably need to treat it as if we never have done it. Planning will be as if it is ground zero so we will have to re-imagine this. We will rebuild. We will vote on it as an adopted budget next meeting.

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- **Lady Bug Landing | corner of 8th and Anderson Ave., Coos Bay (Renee Blom)**

Lady Bug Landing Garden Report

December Report: Lady Bug Landing Year End Report 12-7

*Lady Bug Landing is closed for the season. There was a work party Saturday, December 4th. All the beds have been cleaned out, straw on top, everything mostly weeded, beds limed, all the plant debris loaded in a trailer and taken to the dump, pathways swept, waterlines turned off and drained and lock combinations changes. There will be another work party in January, TBA to add chicken manure to the beds and chips to the pathways. 2021 was a very good garden year and we look forward to next year. MG's can get hours at the garden starting in April-October, on Saturday mornings, from 9:30-12 working on the demo beds. Starting January 3, applications will be available for the 2022 garden year at the Anderson Entrance of the garden, McKay's market and online at socoastcommunitygardens.org
Happy Holidays/Renee Blom*

- **Coquille Harvest Moon Garden | 180 N. Baxter Street, Coquille**

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

No report currently.

- **Good Earth Community Garden | at the end of 8th Ct., Bandon**

- **Last report of the year.**

- *Things are winding down at Good Earth. Pumpkins are orange, and warm weather crops are done in this lovely autumn weather. We recently had a small group of High School volunteers who helped us get a head start on our end of season work. Hope everyone is enjoying the change of seasons!*

Leslie Wirt

- **Plant Clinic (Kathy Creason)** ECHO training state wide training. It would benefit us and is fairly painless. We can look and see and perhaps train on this. Nothing to report at this time. If there is an uptake in some problems we will do a training on it to aid and familiarize our folks with this. Its not scary, its an easier form to fill out and this goes statewide to help get information. We are done until March.
- **Plant Sale Committee | 2022 Tomato- WE will put out a call so that we can get it started for next year, Plan on having it in 2022. Tina Powers chairperson, and Mike Mueller along with Claudia Turner and others to participate in some form of plant sale. Mary Dixon asked "Any parameters coming down from OSU for plant sales this year? "Now is the time to think about it. Many would like to do something to do a drive by or sometime of plant sale. Plants were successfully donated to Pelican Harbor so we do see a way to make it come together. A good way to draw new and old members back to our group. Contact Tina Powers if you are interested in helping out with this effort. Claudia Turner pointed out that this coming year is important to get our name and faces out in the community. Others have filled in and we are in danger of losing our slot within the community to be THE source of great plants and information. OSU is the authority on this and they are calling the shots as far as the COVID restrictions and parameters. They did not put a mandate on vaccine at this time. Soil is expensive and we have to budget at least 1000 for purchase of the soil. Perhaps we could have the plant sale in a pole barn or open space, perhaps at the Fairgrounds. We can reach out. WE would have to advertise in Coos Bay.**

Wendy at Coquille Supply: reach out to seacoast as well. Do the research on different types of starter composts. Julia in Curry county, check with her. Check with Benton County as well for information on their plant sales and logistics.

- **School Garden Grants: No updates.** Schools will be e mailed and Sam will get the end of the year reports.

- **Coos Bay Farmers Market** *Closed now, but next year we might be back every week if we have enough volunteers, and maybe and back at the Bandon market. Don and Mike Mueller and Susan M stepped up as well as a few others. Thank YOU. We can't go for shortened hours.*
- **Bandon Farmers Market:** *We could not make it work for the indoors but in May, hopefully next year for the Farmer's market. Hopefully we will be back in force.*
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** –Tina Powers *The new curriculum DEI is being beta tested with the members and it seems to be thought provoking and not intimidating. We talked about the Movie, Gather, and I did the DEI class that will be included in the New Curriculum for 2022. Open minded and clear, and meaningful. Looking for the next volunteer that might want to be the next participant from Coos County. Non-judgmental and very informative. We have tribal residents in Coos County that are underserved at times and this connection can be a positive thing. If you are interested, sign up. Great way to make your hours as well.*
- **Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Report** (Dottie Tucker, Tina Powers, alternate) *No report. Minutes to follow. Gail gave her report. A new state coordinator December retreat. Report put out. Highest priority to have a successful Mini College, Education focus, DEI, retention of the classes and volunteers, better engagement with our chapters and the dilemma of having fewer volunteers, officers, and sponsoring a mini College in July of 2022.*

COMMENTS from Sam Clayburn, OSU Extension Service, Coos County

2022 training at 10 signed up 3 curry and 7 coos. WE are going forward. We will start with the on-line and then in person classes. We will need to pick times for in person viewing parties. What works best for returning MGs. Got renewing stickers for 2022. Sam has a few MGs that need to get the hours recorded. Please let Sam know so she can get you recertified so that if you work the farmers market or clinic, you need to get your hours certified. 17 veterans recertified and 6 trainees. WE have 23 total, and try to capture those that did not record but did do the volunteer hours.

Sam went down to Curry and helped them get the office cleaned out to get the new Laurie Bartlett settled in and ready to go. Julia is the President of the association and is very helpful for Laurie. WE will be having the Curry county folks join with us this year so that Laurie can have a better shot of being successful. We may do a collaboration for Fertilize your Mind.

Fertilize your Mind will most likely be pushed back to early summer or a Fall seminar. These have been successful, and nothing is set in stone at this time, again due to the Covid restrictions. Question on Level up, they may or may not have them. Its up in the air at this point.

REMINDER: The new OSU/CCMGA blog now takes the place of the old web page for calendars and other chapter information.

Open a browser window or use Google and type in:

blogs.oregonstate.edu/coosmga/

If a password is requested to open a tab on the page, type in: **Tomato-Rama2019**

X. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned 11:17 a.m.

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC: The next meeting will be a combination meeting at the Myrtle Point Extension office January 11th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Tina Powers