

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

General Meeting Minutes

January 11th 2022

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:

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| Claudia Turner, President | Edward Powers |
| Kathy Creason, Vice President | Dottie Tucker |
| Mary Ann Babb, Treasurer | Mike Mueller |
| Tina Powers, Secretary | Bob German |
| Elaine Goodner | Mary Dixon |
| Caren Brewster | Tamra Hunt |
| Donna Leveridge-Campbell | Jessie Milligan |
| Grace Horning | Susie Zohreh |
| Laurie Wartnik | Imogene McDonald |
| Susan Mlynarczyk | Billie Reeves |

Meeting started 10:05 am with both in person and zoom members present.

ADDITIONS: None

INTRODUCTIONS: No introductions

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements

December 7th 2021, MEETING MINUTES No discussion or changes.

Motion to approve minutes by Kathy Creason

Seconded by: Edward Powers. Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT Mary Ann Babb

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| <i>Prior balance</i> | <i>17,449.11</i> |
| <i>Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)</i> | <i>30.00</i> |
| <i>Interest</i> | <i>.30</i> |
| <i>Expenses (office expenses)</i> | <i>0</i> |
| <i>Ending balance January 31st, 202</i> | <i>17479.41</i> |

Savings: Savings CD is \$8,429.36

Financials motioned and approved unanimously.

Budget2 posted on the blog. Areas to discuss: Claudia Turner request a motion to pass proposed budget by

Mary Ann Babb, Ed Powers seconded. All in favor and budget unanimously. Changes in December we moved the scholarship fund all to the Garden Grants for schools and organizations, and we added 500 dollars to "Fertilize your Mind" for guest speaker.

The number of members has dropped. We discussed this so we are now aware of the current numbers of members. 27 current members belong to CC MG. WE have 12 now signed up for 2022 training and 10 at Curry County.

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

Lady Bug Landing

February Garden Report

Lady Bug landing is open and thriving. As of Friday we just had 2 plots left out of 60, my guess it is now full. We have done one work party a week ago where we put chips on half the paths in the garden. It was such a good turn out of people we were done in 40 minutes. We had spent a couple days prior making sure the paths were good and weeded. We also got all the raspberries cut down and the blueberries pruned and the outside herb and flower beds are weeded, as are the inside demo beds. We

are ready for the garden season. This coming up Saturday there will be another work party at 9:30 am to put bags of chicken manure on the gardeners plots and hopefully more chips will show up. Past gardeners have all had their orientations emailed/mailed to them, and they just need to say they read them, so they are ready to start gardening. There are 3 orientations scheduled in person for this week for the handful of new gardeners. This was done to keep large groups from gathering due to Covid. Another great group of gardeners and we are all ready to dig and plant.

January Report

Good day All, there is to report is we are accepting applications as of January 3, at the garden Anderson entrance, McKays Market and online at socoastcommuntigardens.org About 25 apps have come in so far. We will have a work party towards the end of the month, and will do orientations the first part of February.

Thanks Renee

- **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**
February News!

Good Earth Community Garden is getting ready for successful gardening in 2022! We have organized the shed and greenhouse, we're finishing up elevating a few plots to encourage additional gardeners that may have physical needs and updated our application to be more user-friendly. of February 1st, printed applications are available at Ace Hardware, Hennicks, Plants 101, and Coast Harvest Thrift Store. We are looking forward to orientation in March and seeing the flourishing plots soon!

Happy Valentine's Day to All!

Cheers,

Susie Zohreh

Garden Manager

- **Plant Clinic : Samantha Clayburn** ECHO training state wide training videos received and it is not scary. You fill out the paper form and then it gets entered into the statewide ECHO program and it can flag and track trends and access information efficiently statewide. It would benefit us and is fairly painless. We can look and see and perhaps train on this. It makes it easier for us to access current and relevant information statewide for information. We will be doing training and will be useful for continuing education for your hours. Question posed: Will ECHO be a specific link for us or in the big system. Yes, we will have our own links. Q and A for Plant clinic only. Each of us will have an individual log in and only be accessed by you. Links can be sent out starting now. Request to Sam if you are interested. Sign up get your log it, get approved and go to the test sight to play around with it to get familiar with. Samantha has the ECHO now, and you can request via Samantha anytime moving forward.
- **Plant Sale Committee | 2022 Tomato-Rama** WE will put out a call so that we can get it started for this year. Some areas of possible sale: Mall, Extension office, Fair grounds.

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? WE will be having a brainstorming and planning

session for our amazing “Plant sale” on Tuesday, January 25th at 10 am. The tentative date will be May 8th, 2022. We are looking for a place to do the sale and discussed some possible options. and we will be deciding what to sell, who to grow and how many hands can we get to make this new and re-imagined Plant Sale. Come with your ideas.

- We should be able to dig up plants to sell such as bulbs, dahlias and other perennials for our plant sale. Think about what type of plants we want to sell and grow. Left over plants from the sale can perhaps go to the Bandon Farmers Market to sell. WE should focus on quality versus quantity and not have so many left over stragglers. Let's not overcommit. We would rather run out and start small like the beginning. Advertising can give people a list of what we will be selling so they can plan to buy. First come first serve and try to get the plants sold out and a bigger turn out. Perhaps contact the tribe to see if we could sell at the Casino parking lots.
- **Scholarship Committee:** Closed this year.
- **School Garden Grants: WE have the money and the applications.** WE need a committee to look over the applications. Schools that are interested in participating will be e mailed and Samantha will get the end of the year reports. Applications are on the computer, and we need a committee head this committee up. Applications go out in February and due March 31st with announcements April 30th as to whether the organization gets the moneys. At the Boys and Girls club, Dr. Shimutakahara is trying to shepherd this to happen at the facility. They have set up an aquaponics system for the facility and we might have a field trip to check this out to see how this all works and functions. We also can meet Mia and perhaps if anyone is interested in teaching a class you will have to have the criminal background check and fingerprints if you teach children. Mia is interested in another garden grant. Marshfield High Key Club is also interested in applying. Lighthouse asked for an extension due to lack of personnel. Myrtle Point High might also want to get some funding. Also, perhaps Head start. Donna suggested that we put out a PSA to advertise to other schools for these grants. The Grow This Challenge, there were some classrooms that participated, and they may be interested in these grant funds as well. Samantha will put some links out there to get some interested. Bi-Coastal Media does our PSA's and can perhaps get the word out on this. Samantha will update the information and then get the applications out to those interested.
- **Coos Bay Farmers Market** Closed now, but next year we might be back every week if we have enough volunteers, and back at the Bandon market. Depends upon our membership. Do not want to
- **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** We are rapping up this last years' trainings and planning 2022. The DEI will be added to the MG training in the future and the questions that are asked to possible trainees have some questions added to the applications. New group in March.
- **Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Report** (Dottie Tucker, Tina Powers, alternate) No report at this time.

COMMENTS from Sam Clayburn, OSU Extension Service, Coos County

MG training is HAPPENING! 2022. It is on CANVAS. Homework assignments, weekly quizzes, Pruning classes on March 12 Erika Churno is the Land county pruning person and is going to do the classes for the in-person class for pruning. Two classes scheduled hopefully a greenhouse class, seed starting classes with Dottie Tucker again as these are always the best. Plant clinic scenario classes, Mock plant clinic training. Having the bee keeper Russ and Donna do some training. Samantha needs to build a way to get in the system for the veterans through Idealogic for free. There is not a work around, so Sam will

send links to all the veterans, so that the veterans can register. .Smatha is trying to get one class for each group-Coos and Curry to get the hands on classes and she wants to try to avoid the wet weather. Online classes are sent thru Ideologic, Sam will work with Susan up at the campus. On line classes will be available and we will have watch parties for a 3 or 4 hour block as well.. On line webinars are also available. 6 mentors have signed up. Mentors will check in with your trainees via phone and e-mail, meet up with them, sit with them, work with them via e mail or phone. Make them feel welcome and ideas on how to do plant clinic, getting them excited about volunteering, make it fun for them. Kathy had a question. What will the schedule be? Sunday mornings, First one January 30th, then each week we will have a live zoom training on Wednesdays, 6 pm to 7 pm hour zoom. Lots of classes for the trainees. Sam will shoot us a copy of these trainings. Online modules. Zoom meet ups are strongly recommended for all of us. DEI training is required this year. All of these will be counted as continuing education. 4 in person sessions on weekends. Trying to make it flexible as possible.as soon as syllabus is finished Sam will send out to the mentors and the new trainees. Sam will be meeting the 12 members in person to get them their binders and welcome packages along with pictures. A way to get to know our MGs. Flexibility for all of us. Opportunity for growth. WE will be working to make it a success for all. Samantha is trying to make it as flexible as possible. Applications are now closed. List of classes is still being worked on.

Link will be set up and won't cost veterans to participate. Grow this Garden Challenge is back and will be going strong again. This is very cool program and was very popular. I recommend doing this. A great way to get your hours. Check the link if you want to mentor. Sam thinks it is still possible to sign up for mentorship. Our Office is open 8 to 5pm Monday through Friday if you need to get in touch with Samantha. Everyone should have gotten your stickers in your Christmas Card. The stickers were taped on the inside of the envelop. If you still need a sticker, see Samantha after the meeting.

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 February 8th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Tina Powers