

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, Oregon

February 6, 2025

Meeting called to order by Lorna Schilling

ATTENDANCE: Mary Ann Babb , Val Berg, Caren Brewster, Jennifer Brongil, Gail Cassidy, Kathy Creason, Mary Dixon, Norma Ferre, Linda Graves, Lynn Menashian (T) Ron Metzger, Mike Mueller, Ed Powers, Tina Powers, Lorna Schilling, Fran Smith (T), Eric Sydnes, Claudia Turner, Laurie Wartnik, Howard Wilson

ADDITIONS: None

INTRODUCTIONS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There will be a seed exchange on Sunday, March 2nd at the Coquille Community Center from 10-1.

MINUTES: January 7th meeting minutes were reviewed, Val Berg made a motion to approve, seconded by Howard Wilson, minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report for February. Reminder to pay dues. Only a couple of people still outstanding.

Below is the January 2025 report

<i>Prior balance (Opening balance: First Community Credit Union)</i>	\$9184.47
<i>Income (Members' dues, fundraisers, grants and donations)</i>	\$60.00
<i>Expense</i>	-\$200.00
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$9044.47

CD balance: \$10,274.05

COMMUNITY GARDEN REPORTS:

Good Earth Community Garden (Bandon): No report

Coquille Community Garden: The garden needs help this year. There are a variety of tasks that need to be done including making signage that links to OSU Master Gardeners.

Lady Bug Landing (Coos Bay) Garden Report 12/24: Applications have been moving along we have 9 out of 60 plots that have not been filled. In January we had a small work party where we added Stutzman Chicken Manure to the beds. Also a few guys volunteered and got the fence line fixed that went down in December. We are doing our first in-person orientations Saturday and next Wednesday for new gardeners. Returning gardeners got an email with information and just needed to let Renee know that they read it through. We picked up fertilizer from Down to Earth this week for all the gardens, now all we need is some warmer sunny weather. Starting in April, Renee will be at the garden every Saturday and Wednesday from 9:30-12. MG's are welcome to come at those times to volunteer and get hours, for planting, weeding, watering and harvesting in the demo area. Our website is still not up and running just working out the PayPal kinks. Our SCCGA meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:30 via Zoom, you can contact Renee if you are interested in attending and we can send you a zoom link.

Harmony Gardens (Lakeside): No report

Plant Clinic: Will open March 3rd. This is the first Monday in March.

Fair Report: This year's theme is Boots, Bands and Bulls. Dates are July 22-26.

Plant Sale Committee 2025: Tina took an informal inventory of what seeds people have started. Check your plant guide to see what can be planted from seed in February and beyond. Lorna mentioned that Nichols Nursery offers a 10% discount to Master Gardens. They are a good seed source. They are located in Philomath and have seeds that are suitable for Oregon growers.

School Garden Grants: No report

Coos Bay Farmers Market: No report.

Bandon Farmers Market: Sam may look for another venue instead of Bandon. Dragonfly Nursery is a possibility since there would be a more captive audience.

Oregon Master Gardeners Association-Mary Dixon: This is a group that works with Master Gardeners. They have quarterly reports. Mary is our county representative.

Sam's Coordinators Report: Discussed having an educational component at the Community gardens. Sam has line up ready for Fertilize your Mind. She has submitted a grant to Rotary for the rooms and Audio Visual. Vets can get educational hours. Sign up for classes should be ready next week. Wilson Agaba has started his own landscaping business. He was injured but is now back to work. Black Market Gourmet asked about having a MG booth at Winters' Farmers Market. Bandon's Ocean Crest Health Fair is the evening of March 12th from 5 to 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:58 am. Respectfully submitted Gail Cassidy

Next meeting is March 11th. Social time starts at 9:30, actual meeting starts at 10am.