

Central Gorge Master Gardener™ Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

14 February, 2017

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 2017, OSU Extension Service Office

Attendees: Bosler, Eric; Bosler, Shari; Citlau, Renee; Stevens, John; Sturman, Bill; Suits, Rachel; Winfield, Bill

When the meeting was called to order, it was noted that a quorum was not present.

Secretary's Report (Eric for Christie): All of the submitted changes have been incorporated. Lacking a quorum the secretary's report was tabled for approval at the March meeting.

Treasurers Report (Eric for Nancy): Nancy sent a message indicating that there's been very little activity on the financial side so she did not email the financials this month. Lacking a quorum the Treasurer's report was tabled for acceptance at March meeting.

As the Treasurer was not present the quarterly financial audit was moved to March.

Extension Report (Rachel): Rachel reported that the schedule for Plant Clinic training for new MG's is in progress. She anticipates five dates. Shiftboard will be up and functioning soon. Plant questions are already coming in from the community.

Rachel received positive feedback that the new "hands on" format of MG training classes was stimulating conversations among the attendees. Classes seem to be going well.

The OCH Community Garden appears to be back in operation for this year. Discussion ensued about the number of community gardens in the area and the estimate was 15-20.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Brassicas and Beer (Rachel): The education committee is being formed for the summer education program. Sue Luther and Christie Bradley have already

volunteered and Rachel would like one or two more people to work on this program. Workshops will again be held at the Volcanic Bottle Shop.

Greenhouse (Shari for Sandi): Shari shared a Greenhouse report from Sandi. The Greenhouse committee met last week and tasks have been assigned to multiple persons.

Sandi also reported that she spoke with Claudia Groth who is organizing the tours for the International Conference, one of which includes our Learning Garden with a focus on the Japanese Heritage Garden. This has been very popular and a 2nd tour has been added. They will occur on Wednesday, July 12.

Seed to Supper (Eric): Eric provided a brief description of the “Seed to Supper” program. Planning is underway for classes on Wednesday evenings beginning March 29th and running through May 3rd. Classes again will be at FISH.

Central Gorge Community Garden Network (Rachel for Kathy McGregor): There will be a meeting for the Central Gorge Community Garden Network on March 2nd. Plans are for a winter assessment meeting, three leader planning and interface activities and a community wide celebration.

2017 Year-in-Advance Calendar (Shari for Kathy M): Kathy McGregor is working on this project and it will be posted on the website and in the newsletter soon.

OMGA Report (Shari for Sandy M): Sandy Montag reported that she would be attending the OMGA 1st quarterly meeting in Salem on March 3rd and 4th.

International Master Gardener Conference: A general discussion took place regarding the upcoming International Master Gardener Conference (IMGC). Early registration has been extended. There is a line item in the CGMGA budget for Mini College scholarships and it was generally felt this should be used for the IMGCC. Registration is currently \$330.00. It was felt that with the close proximity of Hood River to Portland, housing would not be reimbursed. It was discussed that \$150.00 might be a good target amount for a scholarship. Another suggestion being that if there is an unused balance in the scholarship budget this could be divided among those who attend.

July Executive Committee Meeting (Shari): The July Executive Committee meeting date will be moved to July 18.

Quorum (Shari): As no quorum was present, no motions or decisions requiring a vote of the Executive Committee were made and are moved forward to the next meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55.

Meeting minutes taken by Secretary pro tem Eric Bosler and submitted by
Christie Bradley