

**Central Gorge Master Gardener™ Association**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

10 May, 2016

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 14, 2016, OSU Extension Service Office

**Attendees:** Bosler, Eric; Bosler, Shari; Bradley, Christie; Carlson, Dennis; Castagnoli, Steve; DeTar, Laurel; Lien, Kathy; Parrott, Mary; Rousseau, Sandi; Sanchez, Susan; Schneider, Audrey ; Slagle, Nancy; Stevens, John;

**Secretary's Report** (Christie): All of the submitted changes have been incorporated.

**Treasurers Report** (Nancy): The gross sales for the plant sale were approximately \$10,538. John and Nancy looked over the results and it all looked in order.

Nancy received a statement from the Gorge Community Foundation for the endowment funds. There was a drop in the stock market in August and this hurt the investments, though they are recovering. At the end of the year, the grant money that was available to us, but that we did not take out, will be automatically rolled back into the principle at the end of the year.

We are still waiting to see how much of our \$10K contribution will be fund-matched. The determination will be done in June.

We are getting updates from the OSU Foundation, but it is hard to correlate this with those from the Gorge Community Foundation because the timings of the reports are different. Nancy will provide a spreadsheet again that tracks earnings from the two funds.

There is a \$499 entry for the Learning Garden expenditures that is in projects and needs to be moved. Nancy also needs to check the Learning Garden budget and make sure the expense is in the right place.

There was also a clerical issue in the Seed to Supper budget; a total of \$250 was approved.

The budget was approved with the recommended adjustments.

**Extension Report** (Steve): The committee met to review the nominations for Master Gardener of the Year and Behind the Scenes. They determined the winners and will be communicating the results.

No additional progress was made on signs at the entrance. The signage placement on the fence near the rental center was discussed with Your Rental Center, but Steve is not sure the sign will be moved.

**OMGA Alternate Rep** (Eric): Eric is still looking for someone to take this position and he is hoping to have someone identified soon.

**2nd Quarterly Meeting for OMGA** (Eric): This will be at the Discovery Center. There is a leadership meeting Friday and the full meeting is on Saturday. CGMGA will be splitting the costs with Wasco County (WCMGA) that are remaining after OMGA reimburses WCMGA. This event might be good to add to the newsletter in case anyone wants to attend. The dates are June 3 from 1-4 and June 4 from 10-2:30. Lunch will be catered, so anyone attending needs to schedule in advance.

**Mini College** (Eric): The Mini College website is up and class descriptions and instructors are posted. People can select individual classes. The information on rooms is also posted. There are dorm rooms and student apartments available.

We have a deadline of May 15 for people to request scholarships, but this does not provide enough time since rooms were just posted. We agreed to move the date out 2 weeks.

In 2017 there will not be a Mini College because the international conference will be held in Portland.

**Graduation** (Sue): Sue spoke to the Adult Center about the availability of the room to rent for graduation.

The room holds 100-150 people. They require a \$75 deposit and the room charge is \$75 per hour. November 3 and 10 are still available. We agreed on this location and the November 10 date and Sue will book this. She will schedule it for 4 hours, from 5:30 – 9:30, which includes set up and clean up time. It was suggested that she get a written receipt with the details.

## **New Business**

**Plant Sale** (Kathy): Kathy delegated a lot of activities this year and that worked out well. Almost all of the Master Gardeners were involved in some way. Kathy is hoping to find people interested in leading the seed planting next year, and a couple new members have expressed interest in this. Laurel is also looking for an assistant.

Next year the plant clinic shifts will all be posted on Shiftboard.

Preston and Steve did a great job of preparing the site for the plant sale.

We used to have someone in charge of publicity. Kathy noted that the plant sale was not advertised on the radio station's website. We might want to delegate the publicity role to someone next year.

There were about 400 attendees at the sale. Before opening, there were about 80 people in line. We did about \$2300 in pre-sales the day before the sale and another \$400 in pre-sales on Saturday. All of the pre-sales were completed by 8 am on Saturday, as requested

Left over plants were donated to other projects and organizations, including the Parkdale Memorial Garden, the Gorge Heritage Museum, and Raices.

One risk for next year is that the researchers may want to use more greenhouse space. Steve said that the same process is in place for the researchers to request this. They have until June 30 to place requests, and Steve will put in our request for plant sale usage. He noted that the fees for the greenhouse will probably be increasing.

Raices put up a sign at the intersection near Your Rental Center and some people were confused by the signs. We probably cannot request that they not put up a sign, but Dennis will talk to Maria about it. We may also want to put up signs that indicate that the plant sale down the Experiment Station Road is the CGMGA plant sale.

**Seed to Supper** (Eric): The last Seed to Supper class was Wednesday. There was very good feedback from the students and they liked all of the hands on activities. At graduation they received a certificate of completion and a gift certificate for the plant sale. There will be a debriefing for the instructors. Next year we are expanding and this will include Spanish curriculum. In general, the Spanish speaking attendees tend to have more gardening experience already and the Spanish curriculum reflects this. At some point the Seed to Supper books may be available to purchase.

**Next Door Programs** (Dennis): Dennis overspent his budget on the **Next Door** programs and requested the approval of the Executive Committee to cover this (about \$200). This was approved and the budget for these projects will be increased by \$200 for this year.

**Summer Picnic and Association Meeting** (Shari): Shari wants to set a time and location for the summer picnic, and we can have an association meeting at the same time. She will be putting together a committee. One suggestion was to meet at Cindy's barn, if that works. Tucker Park was another suggestion.

**Care Center Sign** (Audrey): The sign is still up at the Care Center that says CGMGA is doing the maintenance. Audrey will contact Dede to see if the sign can be removed.

**Garden Tour** (Audrey for Dede): Dede is putting together the garden tour committee for 2017. Most of the people who participated last year are returning.

**Beer and Brassicas** (Audrey): There is a Beer and Brassicas talk tomorrow night. The first topic was Microgreens and tomorrow's is Attracting Beneficial Insects. The first was well-attended.

**Garden Club** (Nancy): The Garden Club members will be doing a garden visit at the Learning Garden on Monday, June 13.

**Garden Visits:** There is a garden visit today and a workshop on cover crops on Thursday. Anyone interested should check the newsletter.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

Meeting minutes submitted by Christie Bradley