Lincoln County Master Gardener Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
14 June 2010

Board Members Present: Bill Biernacki, Pam McElroy, Jeff Olsen, Cathy Fitzhugh, Ruth Deforest, Betty Orr, Janet Anderson, Linda Cook, Emilia Lacy, Charles Dallas, Anne Schatz

Others Present: Cathi Block, Mark and Nancy Dixon, Peggy Biernacki, Liz Olsen, Sam Angima

CALL TO ORDER: Bill Biernacki called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

MINUTES: Minutes from the May Board meeting are approved upon correction.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Cathy Fitzhugh)
Certificate of Deposit: $3251.53
Checking: $9856.57
Savings: $4953.58
Total $18,061.68

The Spring Garden sale netted profits of $6000.  
The question of treatment of Demo Garden work party refreshments was raised.  
Those funds come out of the general budget for each garden.  
To answer those asking about the new IRS requirements for non-profits, OMGA has taken care of the reporting requirement for the chapters.

PRESIDENT: (Bill Biernacki) Betty Orr has volunteered to take over Ruth Deforest's board position.  
*MOTION* Charles moves to accept Betty as Ruth's replacement at the conclusion of today's meeting.  Approved.  
All the worm bins were sold at the plant sale.  More bins are needed for the Expo and the Fair.  
*MOTION* Charles moves to approve funding for worm bin construction materials up to $600.  Approved.  
Joseph Clark was chosen at the Mini-College Scholarship recipient.  He's registered and will also attend the Wednesday Leadership Forum.

EXTENSION AGENT: (Sam Angima) There is a shortage of ph testing materials, more will be ordered.  
OCCC received plants during the graduation ceremony and has asked for Master Gardener assistance with planting, which underscores the fact that our expertise is being recognized in the community. Cathi Block will take the lead.
Mr. Eubanks, representing the development firm with control over the land along the access road leading to OCCC in Newport, has offered the land beneath the power lines that run parallel to the road for Master Gardener use.

Mr. Eubanks also has land near the airport and offered 1-2 acres for a large-scale composting project. Sam will express our interest in both these areas but that we can't commit to any projects immediately. Sam asked that we consider ideas.

Bill and Sam will attend the County Commissioner meeting 30 June to talk about Master Gardener Week, the Master Gardener Program and our past accomplishments. Master Gardener Week will run from 4-10 July. Receptions at individual gardens will be 6 July - Newport Demo Garden and Lighthouse Garden, 7 July - Yachats Demo Garden and 9 July - Lincoln City Demo Garden. Cathi has invited those who have contributed to the garden and OCCC representatives to see the progress made in Newport.

OMGA REPRESENTATIVE: (Janet Anderson) Sam has been awarded the $500 Extension Educator Grant from OMGA. This is a grant offered to Extension Agents and Sam applied with the intent of purchasing a solar panel for the greenhouse roof at the Newport Demo Garden.

A big topic of discussion at the OMGA meeting was the closing of the Lane County Extension Office after the county funding was cut. OMGA has added an element to their bylaws to ensure the future support of chapters in trouble. This has underscored the need to better advertise our services within the community. Sam explained that a similar situation in Lincoln County would be unlikely and require concerted effort to get on the ballot.

Janet would like the board to consider hosting an OMGA meeting fourth quarter 2011 or early 2012. Janet understands most, but perhaps not all, of the requirements placed upon the hosting chapter, and thinks we could do this.

*MOTION* Pam moves to approve offering Lincoln County for an OMGA meeting, provided we are able to comply with the requirements set. Approved.

Janet will chair the committee to put this together assisted by Betty Orr. Anne Schatz also volunteered.

Mini-college is looking for an alternate location in 2011. Janet will request information on the requirements for the Board's consideration.

Janet has collected eleven wonderful silent auction items and two great door prizes for Mini-College.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
PLANT SALE: (Janet Anderson) The sale went well and the result of the online survey and the debrief meeting have been compiled into a document to be emailed.

FARMERS MARKETS: (Mark Dixon) The side walls for the Newport canopy are missing and will cost approximately $100 to replace.

*MOTION* Charles moves to allot funds to replace the side walls. Approved.
Mark will first conduct a thorough search to ensure they are missing and Bill will contact the insurance company. Each Market Coordinator will mark their side panels with their location to prevent future confusion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NYE BEACH CLAM BAKE: (Bill Biernacki) Planning has hit snags with both getting an insurance rider and low projected profits. Bill recommends we not proceed.

*MOTION* Charles moves to withdraw participation in the Nye Beach Clam Bake fundraiser. Approved.

MG WEEK GARDEN OPEN HOUSE BUDGET: (Bill Biernacki) The Gardens are usually allocated funds for refreshments and supplies in support of their open houses.

*MOTION* Linda moves to allot each of the four gardens up to $50 in support of the open houses. Approved.

MG WEEK CELEBRATION POTLUCK: (Pam McElroy) Due to the number of competing events, Pam will cancel the potluck.

GRANT POLICY: (Anne Schatz) Discussion on proposal for a LCMGA Grant Policy to cover the procedures for members to apply for grants. Discussion will continue next month.

FUNDRAISING GUIDELINES: (Bill Biernacki) Bill led a discussion on elements to consider when developing a fair and effective set of fundraising guidelines. The discussion will continue next month.

NEW BUSINESS

CITY OF NEWPORT BEAUTIFICATION REQUEST: (Liz Olsen) During the Rain Garden Workshop, Liz was approached by a City representative about a commercial beautification project along 101. Discussion revealed this was actually being pushed by the Chamber of Commerce. Sam responded that because the Extension Office is a chamber member, that there would have to be a financial arrangement made. Questions were also raised about the relevance of commercial beautification with our mission of education. The Board decision was to give them a request form and Bill and Sam would discuss further.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Anne Schatz, Secretary Lincoln County Master Gardener Association