Lincoln County Master Gardener Association
June 1, 2009
Board of Directors meeting

Board Members Present: Charles Dallas, Rick Anderson, Mark Dixon, Anne Irving, Pam McElroy, Janet Anderson, Sally Noack, Bill Hutmacher, Emilia Lacy and Diana Pinto.

Others Present: Bill Biernacki, Liz Olsen, Cathy Fitzhugh, Cathi Block, Sally Reill, Betty Bahn, Anne Schatz, and Donna Davis. Sam Angima, Extension Agent, was absent (out of town).

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Charles Dallas at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes of May 4, 2009 were approved as corrected.

Treasurer’s report: Anne Irving reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. It included 2009 income to date of $8799 and expenses of $5364. Total amount on hand is $15,860 (including CD, checking and savings accounts). She also reported that net income from the Spring Garden Sale was $5643. Seal Rock Garden Club has donated $50 for the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse Garden.

Announcements and committee reports

Correspondence: There was no correspondence received.

Demonstration garden contracts: Charles Dallas reported that demonstration garden contracts are to be signed by OSU officials (Contracts Office), rather than by Extension agent. Sam Angima has indicated he would like to leave the Yachats Demonstration and Community Garden contract on an annual basis. The contract is for five years, with an annual project review. Emilia Lacy said the contract in place should be reviewed/revised to reflect issues that have been raised regarding the wording of the document. Charles suggested that Board members need to talk directly to Sam regarding request for revisions. Anne Irving noted that there is LCMGA funding for demonstration gardens, which makes us actively involved. Following further discussion re contracts and negotiations for contracts, there was consensus to have a representative from the Board with Sam in some of these meetings. A motion for Emilia Lacy, Sally Noack, Anne Irving, and Mark Dixon serve as liaisons from the Board to the OSU Extension Agent on contract negotiation issues was made by Pam McElroy, seconded and approved.

LCMGA newsletter: Mark Dixon said Board meeting agendas do not need to include newsletter status item each month. Due to the time cycle of the newsletter, there is usually nothing to report. Sally Reill requested that a short recap of Board action items be included in newsletter each month. Following discussion, a motion to send the monthly agenda out to membership on the email listserve and to include points of interest
discussed and actions taken by the Board in the monthly newsletter was made by
Anne Irving, seconded and approved.

Upcoming LCMGA Programs: Rick Anderson reviewed upcoming workshops, field
trips and general meetings. June 2 General Meeting in Yachats on Native Edibles, and
June 10 field trip to Dancing Oaks Nursery are scheduled. The Garden Expo in Newport
is June 26-27, with the Samaritan House Garden Tour on 6/28. Emilia Lacy added that
Seafest is also scheduled for 6/27.

Mini-College: Bill Hutmacher reported on Mini-College preparations. Online
registration at discounted rate runs from June 1 through June 19; after that date, regular
registration prices apply. Mini-College is scheduled for August 5-8 in Corvallis. Bill
will send information out on the listserv. Sally Noack said we should be getting new
“Active Member” cards from OMGA; Anne Irving will have them available at the office
for pick-up.

Garden Week Proclamation: Charles Dallas reported that Master Gardener Week is
scheduled for the week of July 5th through 11th. The MG community garden brochure
should be updated for presentation at the community garden open houses that week;
Emilia also suggested that workshops and programs be held at the various community
gardens.

Yachats Demonstration Garden: Mark Dixon reported that the fencing and gate are
done, they have tilled, water is in, and potatoes and cauliflower have been planted on the
worm casting pile. Native and invasive plants on the property will be identified, and the
design committee will provide design guidelines. A 100’ section of cedar fencing is
being donated for the garden.

Community Gardens Report: Janet Anderson reported on the Taft Garden in Lincoln
City. Charles Dallas reported that Yaquina Bay Lighthouse Garden is planted, and 12th
Street Garden is also planted. A motion that the 12th Street Community Garden be
allocated funds (not to exceed $257) from the Presbytery Grant for soil amendments
and supplies was made by Mark Dixon, seconded and approved. Charles Dallas
reported that the Food Share Garden is planted and has a lot of work going on. Sally
Reill questioned when the Food Share Garden became the total responsibility of LCMGA
rather than a community garden. Emilia reviewed history of Food Share Garden. Anne
Irving said Food Share Garden has a financial allocation available for their needs, but
they need to request the funds.

Farmers Markets Report: Mark Dixon reported that all markets are doing well.

Spring Garden and Plant Sale Report: Janet Anderson reported on the sale, and said a
debriefing meeting was held following the sale. Discussions included signage, balloons,
table arrangements, etc. Sally Reill said she was very disturbed by the maples being
brought in from a commercial seller. She requested that the Board appoint a committee
to review policies and guidelines for outside vendors. Janet added that we also need to
discuss the LCMGA pre-sale option. A Sales Guideline Committee of Sally Reill, Janet
and Rick Anderson, Sally Noack, and Betty Bahn was appointed to review this issue and report back to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Garden Expo: Pam McElroy reported on Garden Expo preparations, and requested funds for another cloche to be raffled off at the Expo. $109 was approved for the Expo cloche, and Bill Biernacki will build it.

2009 MG Class: There was no update on the 2009 class.

Siletz Extended Academics After-school Program: Charles reported that Laura Clark has been appointed as the coordinator for this program.

NEW BUSINESS

Due to time constraints, New Business items were moved to the July meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Pam McElroy, Secretary
LCMGA