
Others Present: Bill Biernacki, Liz Olsen, Claudette Schroeder, Cathi Block, Ruth DeForest, Betty Bahn, Adelia Kehoe, Mary Jane Bonelitz, Donna Davis, Anne Schatz, JoDana Bright-Taylor, and Sam Angima, OSU Extension Agent.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Charles Dallas at 10:05 a.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of July 6, 2009 were approved as corrected.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Anne Irving reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. It included 2009 income to date of $9462 and expenses of $7238. Total amount on hand is $14,650 (including CD, checking and savings accounts). Anne noted that a credit of $765 was made to the newsletter expenses, due to a copier counter anomaly. The Treasurer’s Report was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mini-College:

Sally Noack viewed the Mini-College Scholarships awarded to Mary Cutting and Laura Clark. Claudette Schroeder was honored as Lincoln County Master Gardener of the Year at Mini-College. The Chapter display created by Diana Pinto took second place state-wide.

Garden Week Proclamation: Sam Angima reported that he had attended several different garden Open Houses, and they were excellent publicity for Master Gardener. Next year all demonstration gardens will be videotaped for Master Gardener week. Emilia Lacy noted the article in the paper on the Food Share garden. Sally Noack and Betty Bahn went to Yachats Demo Garden, and it is moving along well. Green Salmon Community Garden is also thriving.

LCMGA Programs Schedule: Janet Anderson reported that the LCMGA field trip to Gathering Together Farms is scheduled for August 20th, and the two-day trip to Portland/McMenamin’s Kennedy School is scheduled for September 9-10.

OCCC Demo Garden Status Report: Sam Angima reported that he received the contract with OCCC back from OSU, but Dr. O’Connor would like some design info incorporated in the contract before it is finalized. There are eight people working on the Community College Campus garden. The final design for the OCCC demo garden is due
in September 2009. There will be three separate gardens—community/demonstration garden, composting area, and a native plant garden.

**Yachats Demonstration Garden Status Report:** Mark Dixon reported on the Yachats Demo Garden. They have expended the development funds originally provided by the Board, and have a request for an additional $234. A motion to approve allocation of an additional $234 to the Yachats Demonstration Garden was made by Mark Dixon, seconded by Emilia Lacy, and approved. Mark also noted that there are five gate frames available at the Yachats Demo Garden to either utilize there, or to recycle to another community garden. Betty Bahn noted that they might be used for wind abatements in Yachats.

**YBLG Status Report:** Liz Olsen reported on the YBLG project, and said it is looking very good. Lincoln County School District issues are still in a state of flux regarding all of the school realignments, but Kristen Becker (principal at Newport Intermediate) and Debbie Gwynne (teacher) are in place for the project to move forward this coming year at the different locations. There are still many details to be worked out, but the project will still be in place.

**Markets Report:** Mark Dixon reported on the Master Gardener Farmers Markets around the county. Things are going well this summer. Lincoln City will need a new canopy, and Newport needs some veterans for upcoming market dates. Yachats needs more apprentices at their market. He also commented that all of the coordinators are doing an excellent job.

**Nominating Committee:** Sally Noack noted that Ruth DeForest’s name and phone number were omitted from last newsletter. She also reported on the current slate for next year’s board. Discussion followed on issues around getting nominees for the Board, and public perceptions of how the Board functions. Liz Olsen suggested that Board job descriptions be put on the website so people can see what responsibilities are included with each position.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Guidelines on Demonstration/Sponsored/Associated Gardens—synopsis/talking points:** Emilia Lacy distributed proposed synopsis and talking points of the guidelines approved earlier in the year. The synopsis would be attached to and become part of the full 3-page document on garden designations. The talking points document could be used in public discussions. Liz Olsen reviewed historical perspective, and said we are moving toward demonstration gardens again. Anne Irving noted that we will be developing and maintaining three demo gardens rather than only one, and we may shift view and move toward donations to community gardens rather than having sponsored gardens county-wide. Emilia added that all community gardens can request financial and information support from Master Gardener. At the end, OSU is still the final authority for Master Gardener programs. A motion to accept the talking positions with addition of “and OSU Extension MG Program” to last bullet on demonstration gardens and the synopsis to be
attached to garden delineation document was made by Janet Anderson, seconded by Anne Irving, and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Concerns of the Agent: Sam Angima said he felt it had been a good month with the garden open houses, the good public relations, etc. He also commented on the differing ideas among the membership now---one group is history-based and the other is future-based. We need to respect our history, but go forward with sharing information. He urged Board members to talk with others and encourage them to consider Board positions.

Concerns of the Board: Anne Irving said she had received an invoice for flowers for Phil Simonski’s service. A motion to approve the expenditure of $81 for the flowers sent to Phil Simonski’s service was made by Emilia Lacy, seconded by Janet, Anderson, and approved.

Logo Recommendations: Adelia Kehoe reviewed logo information presented to Board, and noted that the “Gale-Force Gardener” was not an entry for the logo, but was an entry for the tag line. Discussion ensued on logo submissions. Adelia suggested that we get information from the logo workshop at Mini-College, and revisit this issue at that time. Following discussion, Adelia suggested that the Board members respond to the logo committee with comments. A motion that Board members review logo submission materials, respond directly to the logo committee with comments, and committee will synthesize and return to Board with results was made by Emilia Lacy, seconded by Pam McElroy and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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Pam McElroy, Secretary