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


CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Charles Dallas at 9:15 a.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of September 14, 2009 were approved as corrected.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Anne Irving reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. It included 2009 income to date of $14630 and expenses of $11970. Total amount on hand is $15,054 (including CD, checking and savings accounts). The Treasurer’s Report was approved. The Budget Committee has met and drawn up a proposed 2010 budget. The draft budget shows a deficit at this time, since there are several pieces of information not yet available. Emilia Lacy noted that LCMGA had been awarded $500 from the Presbytery Grant for 2010, and these funds are to be used to alleviate hunger in Lincoln County through community and MG gardens

COMMENTS AND INFORMATION:

Sally Noack said it had been briefly mentioned at the last general meeting that Mark & Nancy Dixon were awarded the “Behind the Scenes” award for their work on the newsletters and the Yachats Demo Garden. Sally also noted for incoming Board members that copier codes are different for the various programs/projects: 210 is used for MG educational purposes, help desk, Farmers Markets; 230 is used for LCMGA business, and 240 is used for MG class information. Proper coding gives accurate information on costs for differences areas. Sally also noted that Michael Noack will continue to do PSAs (radio spots) for LCMGA, and Extension Spotlight. She also requested updated information on the Logo awards. Mark Dixon noted that everything went quiet on the logo issue. Anne Schatz will be meeting soon with Adelia Kehoe to review status.

Mark Dixon noted that the existing editorial team will remain the same for the newsletter (Mark and Nancy Dixon, and Diana Pinto) as we transition to online publication. Mark further noted that he and Jeff Olsen are compiling information for a Policy Notebook which will be housed in the MG Office.

Sally Reill noted that the new Rules for the Plant Sale will need to be addressed by the Board, and then should be added to Policy Book.
Mark Dixon also reported on the Farmers Markets this past summer. We had a good year at all the markets; we will need new canopies for the markets this coming year.

Yachats Demonstration and Community Garden Fund raising dinner raised $1800. Anne Irving said the Budget Committee felt these funds should be allocated to the same garden.

Claudette Schroeder reported on the 2010 Master Gardener Class. Orientation for the class will be held December 9th. Currently 14 people have signed up for this class, and the target number is 25. Claudette and Linda Cook will be co-coordinators for the class, which will be held at OCCC beginning January 12, 2010. Claudette said OCC has great audio/visual equipment available, and students can bring their laptops to class to access handouts online, etc.

Pam McElroy commented on the Master Composting Class she and a number of other Master Gardeners had taken. Discussion followed on using some of the information from that class to incorporate into fundraising ideas.

Bill Hutmacher reported on the OMGA quarterly meeting in Oregon City. He said Gail Langellotto had reviewed budget struggles at OSU now. However, Master Gardeners overall are doing well in the budget arena. The Gardeners Pen (OMGA newsletter) will be online only sometime during 2010. He also asked that we consider whether we would like to host a Board or Quarterly meeting.

Ruth De Forest asked if agenda items should be sent to Bill Biernacki, and asked if the agenda would be online. She said she was a strong advocate of openness to the membership. Diana Pinto reported on a request from OMGA on the Search for Excellence Program. Liz Olsen has done it for all community gardens, not just the lighthouse garden.

Sally Reill reported on donation to LCGA from Rod Price. A Lincoln County MG, he is moving from the area, and donated a lot of stuff to LCMGA, from tools, watering equipment to plants. He also requested that we consider partnering with the State Park system to refurbish the area, which will become a State Park on Beaver Creek.

Liz Olsen said the Sam Case principal is very supportive of the school garden/Lighthouse Garden project. We are moving the program to Same Case, two teachers will have their classroom students participate, the greenhouse is going to be moved over, is the worm pile.

Charles Dallas provided the URL for a list of poisonous plants provided by UC-Davis (envhort.ucdavis.edu/ce/king/PoisPlant/Tox-COM.htm)

**Concerns of the Agent:** Sam Angima said he would be reissuing information regarding the cost ($195) for the 2010 Master Gardener Class. The sign-up deadline is 12/23/09, and we have 14 paid applicants. We have received 5 scholarship requests, and 4 of them
are viable. He suggested that we award four half scholarships. Anne Irving encouraged Sam to look at potential for long-term participation when deciding who would receive scholarships. Same said he sends letters to the applications saying that they would need to repay the scholarship money if they don’t finish the class and do their payback hours. He has them sign a contract agreeing to this.

Sam further noted the KNPT has approached the Extension Office to offer a one-hour slot per month on five different programs (including Master Gardeners). This will be scheduled the last Thursday of the month from 9-10 am with Kiera Morgan.

He thanked Claudette, Linda and Liz for getting out flyers on the class. The 2010 Master Gardener class will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from January 12 through February 4th. A full day plant propagation session with Susan Coast will be held on February 16th, and a full day plant diseases class is scheduled for March 9th.

He also reported on the new online volunteer hour reporting system. You can report online through October 31st each year. The reporting year is November 1st to October 31.

Sam suggested that we look at offering a landscape certification by Master Gardeners as a fund raising possibility. He then outlined the upcoming reorganization of OSU, down to four divisions. There will be major readjustment of County Extension agents, and they may institute regional agents serving more than one county. There are also major staff reductions at OSU/Extension offices.

Bill Biernacki reviewed Board transition issues, and set first meeting of the 2010 Board for January 11, 2010, from 9:00 am to noon. He also said the newsletter would be going online; there will be a parallel transition for several months. He also said he would send the agenda out 7-10 days prior to the Board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

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Pam McElroy, Secretary