LINCOLN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
January 5, 2009
Board of Directors meeting

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


CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Charles Dallas at 10:25 a.m.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of November 11, 2008 (as corrected) was made by Bill Hutmacher, seconded and approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Anne Irving reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. It included income and expenses for 2008, and 2009 income to date of $804. Total amount on hand is $13,251.61 (including CD, checking and savings accounts). She also provides this information in an annual report to OMGA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Correspondence: Pam McElroy reviewed notice of the annual Native Plant Sale at through Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District (February 12-14, 2009) and the list of speakers who are confirmed for the 2009 Garden Expo Show (June 26-26).


LCMGA Newsletter: Mark Dixon reviewed newsletter status. Sam Angima noted that the new OSU website is available for posting of the newsletter online. Mark is pursuing a parallel transition for the newsletter moving from hard copy to online.

Actions taken via email between meetings: Motion to authorize Rick and Janet Anderson to attend Leadership Training for Nonprofit Organization Boards in Corvallis at a cost of $160 plus mileage was approved.

Report on 2009 MG Class: Sam Angima reported that we have 29 students this year, and have given one full scholarship and one half scholarship. The rebate back to LCMGA from OSU partially offsets LCMGA scholarship costs. Liz Olsen outlined payback hours for this year’s class. Apprentices must provide 70 payback hours, with 35 office hours and 35 community service hours. All apprentices must participate in the spring garden and plant sale, do two Farmers’ Market sessions, work at Food Share, and work in one/any of the community gardens. Motion to accept rebate from 2009 class
fees for scholarships ($9.20/student) was made by Anne Irving, seconded and approved. Sam added that both scholarship recipients have signed a contract to finish the class and do payback hours; if they do not, they must pay the full LCMGA scholarship grant.

Program Opportunities: Rick Anderson is planning the four general meetings for the year, and is also setting up field trips. The first field trip is May 22nd at the Oregon Garden. Other possibilities include Thompson Rhododendron Nursery, a pruning workshop, propagation workshop, and visits to commercial nurseries and organic farms.

OLD BUSINESS

MG email contact lists: The MG listserv available online is currently active Master Gardeners; Lydia Bosley’s listserv includes all active personnel as well as inactive members. Sam Angima is working on a Board distribution list as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase of books for help desks and library: Mark Dixon reviewed specific reference book needs for each Farmers' Market site and the main library. Motion to authorize expenditure of up to $200 for main library book acquisitions was made by Mark Dixon, seconded and approved.

Motion to authorize expenditure of up to $300 for library acquisitions for Farmers’ Market help desks was made by Rick Anderson, second and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Rick Anderson, seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Pam McElroy, Secretary
LCMGA