LINCOLN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION  
July 6, 2009  
Board of Directors meeting


Others Present: Bill Biernacki, Liz Olsen, Cathy Fitzhugh, Cathi Block, Ruth DeForest, Betty Bahn, Adelia Kehoe, Mary Jane Bonelitz, Bob Deming, Donna Davis, Carol Conway, and Sam Angima, OSU Extension Agent.

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

MINUTES: The minutes of June 1, 2009 were approved as corrected.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Anne Irving reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. It included 2009 income to date of $9136 and expenses of $7861. Total amount on hand is $13,700 (including CD, checking and savings accounts). Further funding requests are expected for Yachats Demo Garden; Emilia requested information on Presbytery Grant funds and disposition if not utilized by individual gardens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Correspondence: Cards were sent to Master Gardeners who are ill or recovering from surgery. Charles Dallas read memo from Rick Anderson regarding upcoming LCMGA meetings and events.

Mini-College: Bill Hutmacher reported on Mini-College, and noted that July 15th is the final registration deadline. He stated there have been a few donations for door prizes and silent auction. If anyone is interested in statewide OMGA positions, please let Gail Langellotto know. Liz Olsen suggested that a listserv memo be sent to MGs and apprentices regarding donations for Mini-College.

Scholarship Committee

Sally Noack reported that the Scholarship Committee awarded a scholarship to attend Mini-College to Mary Cutting. In an electronic discussion, motion and vote on July 23rd, Laura Clark was also awarded a scholarship to Mini-College. Her application was received prior to the deadline, but the Scholarship Committee was not aware that it had been submitted. A motion to award Laura Clark a full scholarship to attend 2009 Mini-College was made by Janet Anderson, seconded and approved.

Garden Week Proclamation: Sam Angima reported on upcoming Master Gardener Week activities July 5th through 11th. Video coverage of Yaquina Bay Lighthouse
Garden and Food Share Garden will run on Channel 42 all week on cable. Open Houses are scheduled for all community and demonstration gardens through the week.

**Garden Expo Report**

Pam McElroy reported on the Garden Expo. Master Gardeners staffed a Help Desk, Liz Olsen provided an invasive weed display and information, Bill Biernacki built and raffled off a cloche, 63 bags of worm compost/castings were sold, and pH tests were offered across the two-day event. After expenses, approximately $350 in income was added to MG accounts.

**Seafest Report**

Bob Deming reported on invasive weed display staffed by MGs. Emilia Lacy and Liz Olsen are working on clarification of invasive and noxious weed designations. Liz also added that she would like to see OSU Seafest Master Gardener participation be better publicized.

**Yachats Demonstration Garden:** In Mark Dixon’s absence, Sam Angima reported on the Yachats Demo Garden. A fluid, organic design has been adopted for the garden, and MGs and apprentices are growing food and showcasing soil amendments in empirical examples.

**Yachats Demonstration Garden Contract:** Emilia Lacy reported that she still needs to discuss the Yachats Demo Garden contract and possible revisions with Sam Angima.

**Community Gardens Report:** Bob Deming reported on the status of the Food Share Garden. He, Emilia Lacy and four apprentices are working on the garden. A video of Food Share Garden was shown to the Board of Commissioners for Master Gardener Week. Janet Anderson reported on status of Lincoln City gardens. Mary Jane Bonelitz said the native plant demonstration garden is coming along well. Liz Olsen reported on Yaquina Bay Lighthouse Garden. The school district is in a state of flux right now, but the school/lighthouse garden program is actually going to expand next year to two first grades and a 4th grade class participating. Donna Davis reported on the 12th Street Garden status. During MG week they provided demonstrations of various composting techniques including a worm bin, 3-side compost bin, and solid waste Earth Machine composters. Carol Conway reported on the Waldport Community Garden. 30-35 people are actively working 28 beds, and there are 6 apprentices working at this garden. It is flourishing. Liz Olsen requested that current photos from all gardens be sent to Sam.

**Farmers Markets Report:** Janet Anderson reported that the Lincoln City Market will need to purchase another canopy. This will cost approximately $200, and she will submit a formal request for the funds.

**Garden Sale Guidelines:** This issue was tabled until the August 2009 meeting.
Armory Landscape Project: Anne Irving reported that she and Cathi Block had prepared and planted an ornamental garden at the base of the Armory Building flagpole. This project fell under the beautify Highway 101 charge from the 2008 Futures Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy Statement on Demonstration/Sponsored/Associated Gardens: A motion to approve the policy statement on demonstration/sponsored/associated gardens document was made by Janet Anderson, seconded by Sally Noack. Discussion followed. Emilia noted that the Board had approved the definitions of various gardens as guidelines, and this item was on the agenda again in response to one-page synopsis issued by Charles. Charles explained his reasoning regarding having a synopsis page available to provide a brief summary of the definitions, as well as “talking points” for the various gardens. Sam Angima said he felt that a one-page synopsis of the document could be very useful in negotiations, etc. Janet Anderson said a one-page synopsis would be better for public relations usage than the full three page document. Emilia said the one-page synopsis does not show correct information, and that a synopsis should have originated from the original committee. Liz Olsen noted that at the end of the meeting when the guidelines were adopted, a recommendation was made that a one page synopsis of the document be issued. Emilia also stated that policies are fixed, while guidelines are more flexible in nature. She volunteered to write a summary page of the guidelines to replace the page written by Charles. The motion on the floor was withdrawn by Janet Anderson and Sally Noack. A motion to have Emilia Lacy (1) draft a one-page synopsis of the guideline statement approved by the Board and attach it at the end of the three-page original guidelines document, and (2) draw up a page of bulleted “talking points” on the guidelines to be utilized for negotiations or public relations was made by Janet Anderson, seconded by Sally Noack. The motion was approved.

Spring Plant and Garden Sale 2010

A motion to appoint Rick and Janet Anderson as Coordinators of the 2010 Spring Plant and Garden Sale was made by Pam McElroy, seconded by Sally Noack, and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Report/Concerns from the Extension Agent: Sam Angima reviewed status of Oregon Coast Community College and Lincoln City Demonstration Gardens. He sent the proposed contract with OCCC to OSU contracts department, and they made some changes to the wording. OSU serves as the umbrella for all the groups under OSU, and all contracts must go through them for approval. In Lincoln City, the demonstration garden will be separate from the community garden. An intensive composting class will also be offered this fall through the Extension Office.

He also requested up to $500 from LCMGA to purchase a new projector and laser pointer (as part of the library equipment). Michael Noack has made a donation of $100 toward the purchase of a new projector. A motion to allocate funds up to $500 for Epson XP
LCD for projector and laser pointer was made by Sally Noack, seconded by Emilia Lacy, and approved.

**Report/Concerns from Board Members:** A motion that the Board approve expenditures of up to $50 per community and demonstration gardens for the upcoming Master Gardener Week open garden events was made by Anne Irving, seconded by Janet Anderson and approved.

Charles said he had appointed Sally Noack and Ruth DeForest to serve as the Nominating Committee. Sally reported on the current slate in place for next year.

Charles noted that he had received no response regarding interest in acquiring green manure from the 4-H Fair, and no interest from any MGs in working at Help Desk at the Fair.

Anne Irving reported on the Fall Bulb Sale. This is scheduled for October 3rd, and will be held at the Rec Center again. The bulb order was placed several months ago, and we expect delivery by the end of August or early September. The Bulb Sale Committee will schedule another bulb packing party after bulbs are received.

Pam McElroy was appointed to chair the 2010 Master Gardener Expo Committee.

**Logo recommendations:** Adelia Kehoe said four logo submissions have been received. They are being scanned and will be provided to the Board electronically for their review prior to sending them to membership for a selection vote. Sally Noack added that Mini-College is including a leadership forum on the use of logos, etc.

Liz Olsen said she had two large posters for invasive weeds laminated for display purposes. The cost was $90 for the lamination, and Sam paid for this from his funds. Betty Bahn reminded everyone that an invasive weeds seminar would be held July 11th at Hatfield (free).

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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Pam McElroy, Secretary