A work session on Master Gardener Demonstration, Sponsored and Associated Gardens was held prior to the Board meeting.

LINCOLN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
May 4, 2009
Board of Directors meeting

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

Others Present: Bill Biernacki, Liz Olsen, and Cathy Fitzhugh. Sam Angima, Extension Agent, was absent (illness).

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Charles Dallas at 9:50 a.m.

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

TREASURER’S REPORT: Anne Irving reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. It included 2009 income to date of $2191 and expenses of $3888. Total amount on hand is $10,728 (including CD, checking and savings accounts). She also noted that the CD is maturing on May 13. Following discussion on current interest rates, a motion to roll the CD over with Chase for a period of 8 months was made by Emilia Lacy, seconded and approved. Anne also reported that the Board had approved $100 for materials to construct a cloche, and we need to add another $16 to cover Bill’s costs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Correspondence: There was no correspondence received.

LCMGA Newsletter: Mark Dixon reviewed newsletter status. Responses are coming in from the survey regarding MG newsletter transitioning to online status.

Upcoming LCMGA Programs: Rick Anderson reviewed upcoming workshops, field trips and general meetings. Oregon Garden trip is May 22-23, 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.

Garden Week Proclamation: Charles Dallas said the Master Gardener Week is scheduled for the week of July 6th. The MG community garden brochure should be updated for presentation at the community garden open houses that week.

Insurance Review: Charles has discussed our insurance coverage with David Moffitt and with agent Mark Colson. The Presbyterian Church will be listed as an additional named insured at the Yachats Demo Garden. Emilia Lacy added that our liability
insurance will cover sponsored gardens (Food Share and Yaquina Bay Lighthouse) as well as Demonstration Gardens. Master Gardeners are covered under OSU liability policy when they are providing MG education and service.

**Yachats Demonstration Garden:** Mark Dixon reported on the status of fencing and other work being done at the garden. Most of the garden posts are in, and there will be a final fencing work party in the near future. Charles Dallas reviewed the contract with Yachats Presbyterian Church for the Yachats Demo Garden. He said the signed finalized contract and a letter regarding insurance coverage addition for the church has been sent back to them. Discussion followed regarding the contract as it stands. The major questions regarding the contract were why OSU is not mentioned in the contract, that only “community garden” is cited and not “demonstration garden,” that there was no presentation of the contract to the Board for discussion prior to it being finalized, that the contract had been in hand for several months and the Board had not seen it prior to being asked for start-up garden funding, that there is no clarity in the contract of the specific roles of OSU, LCMGA, and the differences between community garden and demo garden and oversight responsibility by OSU and/or LCMGA. There was Board consensus that this contract needs to be reviewed to address the concerns raised regarding signatures, partnerships, nomenclature of the garden, etc. These issues will need to be addressed for the OCCC garden as well. There was strong consensus that any contracts or partnership that will commit LCMGA funds need to go through the LCMGA process with the Board. Charles appointed Mark Dixon the coordinator of the Yachats Demonstration Garden.

There was also clarification of work sessions and Board meetings. Work sessions are used to attain consensus, but a formal motion and approval must be made during the actual Board meeting to give it standing.

**Big Point Creek Service Opportunity:** Janet Anderson reported on meeting she and Rick had with residents of the apartment complex for seniors. She has put together a reference notebook for the residents which provides information on plants that could flourish in the setting (not much sun, shared balconies, etc.). The info notebook will remain with the residents for their future reference.

**Spring Garden and Plant Sale Preparations:** Rick Anderson reported that the signs are ready to go up. Michael and Sally Noack will be on the radio 5/14 to discuss the sale, and set up will be done Wednesday. Plants will arrive beginning Thursday am. Rick and Janet will provide food for workers. Mark Dixon noted that info will be available at the Farmers Market on both 5/9 and 5/16.

**Worm Castings Acquisition Project:** Charles reported on the worm acquisition project. The material has been moved to various locations for use in demo and community gardens, and will also be bagged up and sold at the Plant Sale.

**OLD BUSINESS**
2009 MG Class: Liz Olsen reported on the status of apprentices and their certification efforts. Mark Dixon noted that apprentices need 8 hours at Farmers Markets for their certification; most of the Farmers Markets have different time spans and scheduled, but apprentices can put together a total of 8 hours service in various markets. Liz also stated that Claudette is working with apprentices on their office hours. Anne Irving noted that 12th Street Garden has $50 in budget for plant purchases, etc. She suggested that the raised bed at 12th Street be expensed to the Presbytery Grant and remain as LCMGA property.

Grant Writing Team: Charles reported that the Grant Writing Team had decided not to apply for the Gardenburger grant because the very specific requirements did not fit the LCMGA mission. He further reported that the Lincoln County Economic Development Grant funds of approximately $200,000 had been awarded. Emilia added that these monies were mostly awarded to seniors, schools, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Siletz Extended Academics After-school Program: Charles reported that he and Sam had reviewed the request from Siletz Extended Academics program and agreed this request falls within MG guidelines. A motion to support the Siletz Extended Academic After-school program was made by Janet Anderson, seconded and approved.

Policy Statement on Demonstration/Sponsored/Community Gardens: A motion to approve the document delineating the various types of gardens as a guideline for demonstration/sponsored/and associated gardens was made by Mark Dixon, seconded and approved. This guideline document clarifies the attributes and level of support from the various gardens. Demonstration Gardens will have the highest level of support and are integral to our education mission (at this time, demo gardens are in Yachats, Newport, and Lincoln City). Sponsored gardens must meet LCMGA mission statement and have an active MG Coordinator; they may request funding and support from LCMGA (sponsored gardens are the Food Share Garden and the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse Garden). Associated gardens are those that will operate wholly or largely without an MG Coordinator. LCMGA may provide education support, but these gardens should strive to be self-sustaining financially.

Sign for Master Gardener Demonstration Garden at Yachats: Mark Dixon presented the proposed sign wording for the sign at Yachats Demo Garden as follows: Master Gardener™ Demonstration and Community Garden. Other demonstration gardens will have similar signage, and all will include OSU logo and OSU Extension information. A motion to approve the Yachats Demonstration and Community Garden sign as presented was made by Emilia Lacy, seconded and approved.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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Pam McElroy, Secretary
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