Lincoln County Master Gardener Association  
October 14, 2008  
Board of Directors meeting

Present: Emilia Lacy, Mark Dixon, Pam McElroy, Anne Irving, Michael and Sally Noack, Sally Reill, and David Moffitt. Also present were Liz Olsen, Bill Biernacki, Claudette Schroeder, Sam Angima, Rick Anderson, Janet Anderson, Charles Dallas, and Bill Hutmacher,

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Emilia Lacy at 9:30 am.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of September 9, 2008 was made by Anne Irving seconded by Michael Noack with corrections as noted and approved.

Treasurer’s Report

Anne Irving reviewed Treasurer’s report. The CD has been renewed for 8 months at 4.17% interest.

Sally Noack asked about the credit for last year’s awards fees for the fair; Anne clarified that this applied to the prior year. Sally Reill requested clarification re whether there is any credit remaining. Emilia Lacy will review this issue with Fair personnel.

Welcome

Emilia welcomed Janet Anderson to the Board meeting, as well as Pru Zimmerman and Yves Nakahama from Yachats regarding the Yachats Community Garden. Yves reviewed background issues of their request to the board for funding. They have a commitment for 13 beds. They distributed information on the people involved, and a map and photos of garden area. They have received discounts from Oregon Coast Nursery and from Copeland’s Lumber. They are requesting donations for assistance in building raised beds, and for soil. They are requesting $450 from MGs to start this community garden. They are also considering requesting start up funding from community garden members as well. Emilia Lacy asked if they thought it would be self-sustaining. Yves said he thought this would be a viable and sustainable garden. All of the produce must be for personal consumption, not for sale. There is one garden bed specifically for Food Share, and there are two others that will be donating to Food Share.

Sally Reill asked if there was the possibility of getting at least a few year lease on the garden plot from the owner. Both Yves and Pru said that was an excellent idea and they will pursue. Sally Reill asked if they would want anything more from MGs besides $450
start-up. They said they would love to have the experience from MGs. They described the garden siting, good southern exposure, etc.

Emilia thanked them for their presentation, and said the MG Board will be discussing and will respond. David Moffitt asked what would be the benefit to Master Gardeners. Sam noted that we are still deciding about some of our other community gardens. Sally Noack said the Presbytery grant was for support of this type of garden activity. Anne said $450 comes out to about $35 per bed. The Cascades grant was to provide for gardens to give food to Food Share. She would support giving the money. Pam McElroy asked how much left in grant? Anne said we have expended $581. Sam said other garden in Yachats is ours (OSU/MGs). Sally Reill said she still has concerns about how stable their access is to the land, and requested further information on who they have contacted in Yachats for donations. Claudette agreed that they need to make more effort to go out in the community to raise money. Mark agreed as well. He added this could be the tip of iceberg, and we are probably going to get more requests for community garden support. He also expressed concern about water costs, and said the projected costs seem to be too low. Is this garden going to be a pea patch (just growing for their own use) or to provide food to community? David Moffit urged that we not set precedents that that we can’t support. There should be something in minutes to outline specifically what we are willing to do, provide, support, and donate. Sally Noack said one bed is for Food Share, and two others will donate to Food Share. Emilia asked about process for donations from Seal Rock Garden Club. Sally N. said there are guidelines and it is done once per year, in the spring. Sam suggested that we need to have a committee that reviews these requests. This will be a garden that is being used to provide food to the community. We need to look at the benefit back to the community. We have given $450 to Waldport, and they have two beds dedicated to community/food share.

A motion to approve the request for $450 to Yachats Community Garden pending our examination of ’09 budget and pending detailed proposal/expense plan and lease or signed agreement on property was made by Sally Reill, seconded by David Moffitt. Discussion followed.

Sally Noack felt we should give $300 or so as a one time deal. Liz Olsen suggested giving them $100 for start up, and let them continue their fundraising. Emilia cautioned that we want to make sure we don’t get embroiled in political issues in Yachats. This is separate from OSU/MG demonstration garden. We should give them something. Claudette asked if there is any time frame in which we must spend the grant money. There is no time frame specified.

Sally Reill withdrew her motion.

A motion to provide start-up funds in amount of $300 and requesting an expense plan and a five-year lease was made by Sally Noack, seconded by Anne Irving, and approved with 7 ayes 1 nay.
Emilia said this was her last board meeting. This has been a long haul. November meeting is association meeting. She also said she hoped to cancel the December Board meeting. She thanked everybody for their support of her this year. We moved our gardens, everything has been topsy-turvy, great plant sale, observation we need to hook veterans to keep them as part of our core. Be sure to say thank you, and thank you, and thank you. Give respect and trust.

Emilia said Kathy Buisman found a box with labeled insects in it in the storage room. Sally Noack said this was our old insect presentation board. She will talk to Kathy about it.

Emilia reminded all about their Master Gardener recertification requirements. Kathy Buisman has recertification forms for MGs to complete. Sally Noack said that people on the Board who are doing lots of other things don’t have to meet the office hours requirement. We also need to fill out the Summary Information form.

**BULB SALE**

Pam McElroy reported on the results of the bulb sale. Bulbs were completely sold out by 11:30 am, as well as the iris, crocosmia, and garlic donated by Margo Sloan, Betty Bahn, and Sally Reill. The sale netted $1361 for Master Gardeners coffers. We will need to purchase many more bulbs for next year’s sale. New-to-the-market bulbs were great sellers.

**FARMERS MARKET REPORTS**

Janet Anderson reported on Lincoln City markets held this summer. They had eleven weeks of Master Gardeners operating at the market this year. MG presence at the market was very well received.

Mark Dixon also said we want to have consistency at all markets.

**NEWSLETTER**

Mark Dixon reported on newsletter status. November newsletter should have summary form.

**APPLE SQUEEZE/GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual Apple Squeeze will be held on October 28th at Loyd & Verna Collet’s. Mark Dixon said he would like to provide a roast turkey for the event, and would probably spend $25-30 for turkey and beverages.
A motion to approve requested expenditure for the Apple Squeeze was made by Mark Dixon, seconded by Sally Reill, and approved. The meeting will begin at 10:30 am, and the 2009 slate of officers will be announced at the Squeeze.

OMGA REPORT

Michael Noack said there is nothing new to report at this time.

Emilia noted that Horticulture magazine is doing an article of a heritage garden in the valley, and one on Yaquina Bay lighthouse garden project.

ONLINE HELP DESK SCHEDULING

Claudette Schroeder reviewed status of online Help Desk calendar. Office scheduling can now be done on line. She said David Moffitt deserved kudos for his work on the online calendar. Besides the help desk schedule, there is now additional information on board meetings, events, etc. online

YACHATS COMBINED GARDEN

Sam Angima said he is meeting with representatives for the proposed OSU Demonstration and Community Garden. He would like to report later since the meeting was to be held the following day. Cost for the water connection is $400.

NOVEMBER 11 GENERAL MEETING

Mark Dixon said the General Meeting will be a luau-themed Hawaiian style potluck, rather than a BBQ. We will meet at the First Presbyterian Church, have a one hour Board meeting, and then a general meeting with election of 2009 Board members and presentation of awards. He requested approval of $150 to fund this event.

A motion to approve the expenditure of $150 for the November 11\textsuperscript{th} General Meeting was made by Pam McElroy, seconded by Sally Noack, and carried.

Tentative schedule for day:
  Board meeting at 10:00 a.m.
  General meeting to follow immediately after Board meeting
  Awards Presentations
  Potluck

Potluck coordinators: Peggy Biernacki and Sally Reill
Hospitality: John Wilson
Room set up and takes down: Liz Olsen and Rick Anderson

Election of officers
Emilia noted that there are two people running for position of alternate state delegate. We will need to vote between them. There will be a printed ballot, distributed at the door during sign-in. Pam McElroy will distribute ballots.

Awards

Emilia noted that last year there were five awards, and the year before there were many awards. She would like to be in charge of awards and the decision on number of awards.

SALE VENUES

Since Bob Deming was not at meeting, Sally Reill read his email to Board regarding the Fairgrounds as a venue for the Spring Garden Sale. Anne Irving responded to Bob’s email. Anne said in her conversations with the Guard, we have a quoted rate for this year of $200, next year to $400+. This is still less than the $450 quoted by the Fairgrounds.

A motion to utilize the National Guard Armory for the 2009 Spring Garden Sale was made by Sally Reill/seconded by David Moffitt.

Anne said the contract could be finalized after the drill schedule is received. There is a $50 non-refundable deposit. Sally Reill added that there would be more parking at the armory than there was at the Fairgrounds. Anne said we should not do a contract until we see a drill schedule. The Elks was another possible venue suggested for the Spring Sale. This issue is tabled until the November board meeting.

GARDEN EXPO 2009

Claudette Schroeder reported on her conversations with Jim Meyers regarding the Garden Expo and Master Gardener participation. They would provide us with up to two booths and we could sell things from booth, do pH tests, and operate a mobile help desk. The Expo is scheduled for June 26-27, 2009 at the Newport Middle School. This is held the two days prior to the Samaritan House Garden Tour on June 28. There are no requirements for Master Gardeners to present any seminars, and we would be assigned an inside booth area. This weekend is once again in conflict with Seafest.

A motion that the Lincoln County Master Gardeners participate in the 2009 Garden Expo was made by Sally Reill, seconded by Mark Dixon, and approved.

Pam McElroy volunteered to serve as chair for this project.

HOME & GARDEN SHOW

A motion that the Lincoln County Master Gardeners not participate in the 2009 Home & Garden Show was made by Sally Noack, seconded by Anne Irving, and approved.
OMGA By-Laws

The position of alternate state representative is required by the By-laws of LCMGA, but not by the OMGA By-laws. Sally Noack felt we should revisit it next year. Michael Noack and Emilia both expressed that we should have this representative on our Board.

FARMERS MARKET COORDINATOR POSITION

This responsibility is added to the 2nd Vice-President position. Sally Noack said she didn’t see any problem with this addition. Emilia suggested that Charles review this next year, given numbers of the various markets, staffing.

LCMGA Class Scholarships 2009

Sam Angima noted that 2009 class has only five paid students at this time. The class will cost $195 this year, and that cost will cover the scholarships. Four new topics have been added to class, and most of the speakers have been confirmed. Sally N. asked if scholarship possibility information is included in brochure. Anne Irving asked for clarification on scholarships if the class is full, LCMGA will get donation from OSU that will cover the cost of the scholarships. Michael asked if Sam had discussed enrollments at MG classes around the state, and if they are getting as many students as usual.

LCMGA Dues form

Anne asked that dues form be placed in newsletter in December. Sally Noack suggested that a committee review the issue of cost of newsletter online, membership costs, etc. Mark said we are also at the point of putting the newsletter online, but we should do a parallel transition,

MG Community Gardens Signage

Should community gardens have signage showing Master Gardener involvement with the community gardens? The community gardens are probably going to have signage of some sort, so we could coordinate with them for something like “Supported in part by Master Gardeners and OSU.” This would help identify Master Gardeners as a brand.

Anne urged us to keep distinction in mind between what is a Master Gardener garden and what is a community garden. OSU/MG demonstration garden is different; these community gardens are NOT our gardens. Emilia said we need to also be cognizant of how we are presented in the community.

CANCEL DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

Emilia said she would like to cancel the December Board meeting. Rick Anderson asked that military veterans be recognized at the November meeting. Mark Dixon asked if we
might need to do anything re classes. Sam asked that the board meeting be kept on the calendar; if there is nothing urgent, we can cancel it by email.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam McElroy  
Board Secretary

Next Meeting November 11, 2009  
First Presbyterian Church  
10:00 a.m.  
Elections, Awards, Potluck