CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Emilia Lacy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Mark Dixon, seconded by Rick Booth, and approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Anne Irving reviewed Treasurer’s Report. The CD is expiring this week, and she will roll it into another CD at Washington Mutual for best interest rate available. The student refund liability on the books will expire at the end of the year. Revenue is exceeding expenditures at this time. Emilia asked if we had received a bill from the Fairgrounds for awards at the Fair. Anne said she had received a bill for $295 (Open awards) but has not received a bill for the 4-H awards.

WELCOME TO MEMBERS

Emilia welcomed new Master Gardener attendees at the meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Betty Bahn announced that she had received updated information on Buddlea davidii; the sale of ANY variety of Buddlea will be prohibited for sale in Oregon. All named horticultural varieties of scotch broom may prohibited for sale after the end of this year. She will provide information through the newsletter.

Mike Darcy’s morning radio garden show from Portland on Saturday 9-12 am; it is now also broadcast on KNPT. Betty will be on the program with information on coastal gardening issues.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill Biernacki and Liz Olsen presented the slate for 2009 officers. Bill reported on process. Liz said that she has not yet clarified whether David Moffitt is willing to
continue as Alternate State Representative. Bill said they had some revisions to the
original slate, one of them being the proposed Farmers Market County coordinator. Mark
Dixon reported on some things being worked on behind the scenes regarding equipment
at markets, recording data from markets, etc. He said he would like to be this countywide
coordinator, but to have coordinators at each market. Emilia asked if, after all market
places have same resources, then would Mark step back? Mark said that was how he saw
the position functioning. Anne asked to be included when it comes to equipment etc. to
make sure she has pertinent financial information. Claudette Schroeder said since we
have added two new markets, the idea was to achieve consistency, and then it can be
turned over to individual market coordinators. Bill Biernacki said he sees Mark D’s
position as one of oversight, and he will be responsible for finding coordinators. Sam
clarified that Board will need to decide if we will make this change. Sam said
apprentices will probably be required to sign up for two or more farmers market help
desk stints. Anne said she is in favor of this oversight position for consistency. Liz
Olsen agreed that an oversight coordinator position would be a positive this coming year
with the changes to farmers’ market sites. There is going to be a lot of coordination to
get more veteran support and not just students. Pam said she would like to see the
Newport Farmers Market be held every week rather than every other week. Emilia
expressed concern about staffing needs at the markets. Before we move into next season
we need to figure all of these specifics out, before class begins. Sam said there will be
some language clarification, and coordination. Anne stated she sees Mark’s job to find
Newport coordinator, and to train them. She also said we could go for the optimum of
having Farmers Market presence each week, and if that does not work, then we can
change the schedule. There is no specific line item in the budget for Farmers Markets.
Rick Anderson asked if new PNWs would be available for each market.

Liz noted we don’t have anybody nominated for alternate state rep. Could we eliminate
this position? Emilia indicated we would have to change the by-laws. Janet Anderson
volunteered to serve in this position. Sam added that in the last three years the alternate
state rep has not had to attend any meetings. This position may be redundant. Emilia
said if we want to make any by-law changes it must go to a general meeting.
Emilia also requested clarification on some of the committee chairs. Emilia accepted
nominations report. Anne suggested we check with Michael Noack for OMGA By-laws
re whether alternate is required.

Sam said the Cloche Building information sheet and plans are now on line. EC1627-E.
It is seven pages, has color pictures, and people can access it through the OSU site.

NEWSLETTER

Mark Dixon reported on articles for next newsletter. Sally Reill will do a gardening
article, Pam will do bulb sale motivator article, JoDana will do a report Taft Community
Gardens, Rick Anderson will do report on OSU Extension picnic. Bill/Liz will provide
the full nomination slate, and there will be a blurb on not taking books from library. Emilia asked presumptive president and vice-presidents to provide brief biographies.

FARMERS MARKET

Rick Anderson reported on the Lincoln City Farmers Market. Master Gardeners have had a help desk there for nine consecutive weeks now. They do Soil Ph testing; plant identification, and the market people are very happy to see us. Tally notebooks are done each week. Nine MGs are staffing this market. Delayne is coordinating now and wants to be somewhat involved in classes next year. Emilia stated that we don’t do soil Ph at the markets, but at the plant sale and home & garden show. If it is the consensus to do soil Ph tests at all three markets, Anne noted there is a standard procedure that we use for the soil Ph tests we do. For sake of consistency, it would be good to have all of the gardens doing the same thing. Sam added that the soil Ph testing we do is not terribly accurate. We do it to give the people some sense of where they are. This is a way to draw people into MG.

Emilia reported that the Yachats farmers market will run for two more weeks, Genie Papas is not going to coordinate next year, but Betty Sparks has said she will do it. Yachats needs materials and supplies for their help desk.

TAFT COMMUNITY GARDEN

Kurt Olsen has given go ahead for Taft Community Garden site; contact JoDana, as this is not yet MG sponsored. Sam said he has had some concerns expressed regarding signage at these sites; when MGs get recognition, how do we word that. Mark Dixon said we should have a similar process for community gardens as well as projects. Emilia reviewed process used for 12th street community garden. Bob Deming said Taft property is city-owned property, as is the LC community garden. JoDana is having discussion with Lincoln City officials, and we don’t know what assumptions are being made. Emilia stated we need to get some leases done on all of these community gardens. We have liability, etc. Charles Dallas said another issue is more strategic: one of our goals is to increase community knowledge and support. These community gardens can be a high profile factor that meets that need. But it would require MG identification. If MGs are going to be a key element of making that community garden happens, the quid pro quo is we get some credit on signage. Anne said she agreed with many of Charles’ points, but it is a large issue.

The next board may want to take this under consideration. She said she can see the association contributing some start-up funds; we have supported Waldport, and offered initial support for Lincoln City. That sort of help does not make these community gardens a Master Gardener project. This issue will be placed on agenda for October.

OLD BUSINESS
LIBRARY

Claudette reported on review of reference library materials at the three locations for Farmers Markets. She reviewed proposed books for each location, and the probable costs for each. She has added the Washington State University plant problems book for its many photographs. We will need to have updated PNWs for each market. Emilia made recommendation that Ortho problem solver book be removed from the market library, and replaced by the WSU one. We can use the Ortho book for diagnostics, but not for solutions. There are also some pocket handbook garden problem solvers available. Batty Bahn also suggested that we get “Flora, A Gardeners’ Bible” for the office. Anne said the book also comes with a CD.

Bob Deming said he has been appointed as the Lincoln County OSU Extension representative. He indicated he thought it was important that we have signage identifying OSU.

Consensus was to table decision on Farmers Markets library acquisitions to next meeting.

BULB SALE

Anne reviewed current ongoing activities. The committee will meet to finalize pricing. Liz Olsen has contacted Mark McConnell re publicity.

SPRING GARDEN SALE VENUE

Bob Deming checked on Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall for the plant sale. Bob said tables are included in the rental price. He has also heard that the Fair Board is considering raising prices for other types of events, but that would probably not impact us.

Anne said she received an Armory quote from state level facilities rental person, but there are some missing pieces. They would probably throw in Friday set up for no additional charge. Information sent should be considered tentative. Anne will continue to pursue.

Table rentals from Newport Rental would be about $100/day, although they might throw in Thursday. Bob Deming reminded her that Pig-n-Pancake will be open which could impact parking.

Liz Olsen is meeting tomorrow with airport people; possibility of Newport Middle School is not good due to staging days.

Claudette reported on Church of the Nazarene—there are steps to be navigated, the May 14-15-16 dates are iffy, 30th possible. Not recommending this due to several problems.

YACHATS COMBINED COMMUNITY GARDEN AND DEMO GARDEN

Sam said he got feedback from people in Yachats. There was an 80% positive response, but concerns regarding site situations (like wind, ocean, etc.) This would be way to challenge the challenge. Verna Collet said water connection would be $400, no information yet on tax issue.

Mark Dixon asked if any update has been received from Genie Papas re garden in Waldport.

GARDEN EXPO PARTICIPATION

Claudette reported that the expo will be held 6/26-27/2009; same weekend as Samaritan House garden tour. Emilia asked if we could sell anything as a non-profit? Bob Deming asked if this will be conflict with Seafest again this year?

SCHEDULE GENERAL MEETING

Mark said he will continue to stay in contact with Loyd and Verna, re status of apples. Emilia said we need to add badge presentations to the general meeting agenda. We will need to elect the new board at November’s general meeting. We could combine the elections and the award ceremony. Bill said the first Presbyterian Church really worked well for the Futures/General Meeting/BBQ. Anne suggested that we have a very short board meeting first in the morning, then general meeting, awards, election, potluck, etc. on November 11th

YACHATS GREEN SALMON COMMUNITY GARDEN

Emilia read letter from Marje Takai re possibility of Green Salmon Garden on 2nd Street in Yachats. They plan to have 10 beds developed in first year. Projected costs are $350, plus tool shed, tools, water usage. They are asking MG Board for $400 to obtain soil and tools. Emilia read their list of rules for the garden, including totally organic (no herbicides or pesticides), no growing plants for sale.

Betty Bahn cited some difficulties regarding this site for a community garden. Mark said our job is really not to dissect their proposal, but to respond to the request for funding. Anne said Presbytery Grant was for community garden support; we have supplied such support to Waldport and others, and this would be a good project to support. She suggested that board consider this next month. Rick Booth said minutes need to reflect that this is all discussion since we do not have a quorum, and cannot make a decision.

Charles Dallas stated that we want to make sure that we are donating money to what will be a successful venture. We should express some of the board’s concerns. Emilia said the community garden group hopes to offer information on intensive gardening, cloche
building, etc. It should be a self-sustaining operation after start up fees. This will be reviewed at next month’s meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

11:25 a.m.

Next meeting 10/14