LCMGA General Meeting
October 22, 2010

Location: Loyd and Verna Collett’s Home


CALL TO ORDER: Pam McElroy, 1st Vice President called the meeting to order at 11:12 AM

MINUTES: Mary Jane Bonelitz reviewed the minutes of the April 12th General Meeting. The minutes were moved for approval by Betty Bahn and approved unanimously. Mary Jane reviewed a decision from the October Board meeting that will allow the board to approve General Membership Meeting Minutes at the following Board Meeting. This will avoid delays in approval and posting online.

SLATE: The Slate for 2011 Board Members was presented. The election of board members will be at the General Meeting on November 18th at the Newport OCCC Campus. The Slate is:

President: Claudette Schroeder
1st Vice President: Pam McElroy
2nd Vice President: Jeff Olsen
Secretary: Mary Jane Bonelitz
Treasurer: Donna Dixon
OMGA Representative: Cathi Block
Alt. OMGA Representative: Betty Orr
Historian: Diana Barnes
1st Past President: Bill Biernacki
2nd Vice President: Charles Dallas

GRANTS: Anne Schatz, Grant Coordinator for LCMGA, asked for specific ideas of projects that people want to accomplish. Grant money is available but the projects must be specific. There is a formal process for grant application which involves contacting Anne directly before any applications are made.
**BY LAWS:** Jeff Olsen, 2nd Vice President, reviewed the following proposed change in by laws that had been sent to each member of LCMGA prior to the General Meeting and requires a vote of the membership:

*Existing Requirements*

**ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES**

2. The president shall appoint an independent Audit Committee, consisting of two active members, at the last LCMGA Board meeting of the year to review the financial records. The committee shall report its findings at the February General Membership meeting.

3. The President shall appoint a Budget Committee at the last LCMGA Board meeting of the year. They will review the financial records after the audit is complete and prepare a recommended budget for the current year. It will be presented at the next LCMGA Board meeting and be presented for approval at the next General Membership meeting.

The proposed wording below separates the audit and budget processes, as they are generally in business. It further accelerates the appointment of the committees and the preparation of the budget. It provides an opportunity to tap the experience of the outgoing board through their review and approval while ensuring that the incoming Board can modify the budget to suit its new agenda through its own review and approval. Meanwhile, both boards have a functioning tentative budget in place continuously and so can avoid unnecessary special motions and votes.

**Proposed New Requirements**

2. The president shall appoint an independent Audit Committee, consisting of two active members, at the October LCMGA Board meeting. The committee shall report its findings at the February Board meeting.

3. The President shall appoint a Budget Committee at the October Board meeting. They will review the financial records and prepare a recommended budget for the upcoming calendar year. The budget will be presented at the final Board meeting of the year for tentative approval. Once approved, the Board shall be permitted to act in accordance with the tentative budget. The incoming Board shall review the tentative budget and may make modifications at the January Board meeting. The resulting budget shall be made available to active LCMGA members at the OSU Extension office. The Board shall be empowered to continue acting in accordance with the tentative budget, modified or not, prior to its final approval at the next General Membership meeting.

*BETTY BAHN MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN BY LAWS. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF MEMBERS PRESENT.*

**CLASSES:** Composting Classes have started. Natural Resources class starts 10-23-2010. 5 students have signed up for the 2011 Master Gardener Class. Advertisement posters for the class were distributed. The 2011 class schedule is on line.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned by Pam McElroy at 11:28.

Garden tour, potluck and Annual Apple Squeeze followed the meeting.