

CGMGA Executive Meeting October 10, 2005

Members present: Coleen Garrabrant, Cheri Austin, Lee Bryant, Laurie Fadness, Shirley Chrisman, Etta Myers, Dede Garcia, Rita Saling, Lana Tepfer, Marlene Long

Others: Kathy Emmons, Judy Davis, Elizabeth Daniel, Lynn Long

Laurie called the meeting to order. The minutes had been previously circulated. No corrections were made so they were accepted and will be posted on the web sites.

The December executive meeting was set for the 12th at 9:30 in The Dalles.

Lee presented the treasurer's report. There is \$6151.98 in the money market fund and \$676.26 in the checking account. Lee noted that accounting for the class refreshment funds will be handled differently next year.

Judy Davis reported on how the newsletter is produced and distributed. She does her final layout on the Hood River computer program. Currently 10 people get e-mail notices when the newsletter is available on the websites in both counties. There are approximately 25 people from other chapters that receive the newsletter, including other editors, OMGA officers, etc. She will continue her current practices but include an article about the availability of the newsletter on the websites.

Dede reported on an issue pertaining to non-payment of the expense of a composting station at a garden on the 2004 tour. The amount in question is \$350. As chairman of that year's tour, Sally Ann will be contacted to see what the exact arrangements were with the family. Then Lee will draft a letter, including the expense receipts, to be sent to them to see if the matter can be taken care of. In the future an accurate cost estimate of building projects will need to be presented and written agreements made with the parties involved.

Laurie read an e-mail from Sally Ann reporting that the community awards had been received very well. In particular Wheatacres responded with an offer to help with water gardening presentations for the MG program as well as making discounts available for MGs. The incoming 2006 county at-large representatives will be encouraged to set-up arrangements for obtaining the discount. Claudia Law of Jackson Co. may have information on the policies involved. Elizabeth reported that response to the awards in Hood River had also been very favorable, particularly from the newspaper.

The nominating committee reported that all of the non-contested candidates were elected. Sally Ann will be the new OMGA representative. 40% of all members voted. 15 members mailed in their ballot and about 30 members voted at the Assn. Quarterly meeting.

Laurie and Dede presented a report from the audit committee. They performed the audit on Oct. 6th using OMGA procedures. They also made suggestions for changes. They recommended that a quarterly review be made and that a second person date, and sign the bank statements every month. Dede will make a draft of a proposed by-law change concerning monthly, quarterly and annual audits with a recommendation as to who should be on the audit committee. This proposal will be presented at the January association meeting.

Etta reported that the invitations for graduation had been sent and she clarified with Laurie, Elizabeth and Lynn how that program will be handled. Sally Ann will determine how to distribute the table decorations. The swinger bars will be distributed and will be for officers, lifetime members and MG's of the year only.

Elizabeth reported that the compost workshop presented at the Learning Garden by Scott and Chery Sullivan on October 8th was very good. Letters have been sent out to see how many of the Hood River MGs will be returning to the program. She also noted that the dates for returning payback hours are different for each county. In 2006 the Hood River program will require 12 hours of Hood River class training for returning MGs in order to enhance continuity between advanced and new MGs. They will be receiving applications to the program from Nov. 4th-Nov. 30th. Classes will begin Jan. 11th. Fees for next year in Hood River will be New: \$75.00 + \$5.00dues, Returning: \$35.00 + \$10.00 dues.

Cheri reported that this is the last week for the plant clinic at the Wasco Co. office. She is in the process of confirming the payback hours for graduation. Lynn reported that the fees for Wasco Co. tentatively will be New: \$65.00 + \$5.00dues, Returning: \$40.00 + \$10.00dues. He is in the process of lining up classes for the program, which begins February 15th. He will have an advisory meeting on Dec. 5th.

The meeting was adjourned.