Lynn Cox called the Board Meeting to order at 12:40 pm. Present were Lynn Cox, Tim Lanfri, Donna Yount, Anna Stubbs, Geri Larkin, Bill Klug, Barbara Knopp, Lynn Wagner, Ken Keudell, Joanne DeHaan and Jackie Keil. Vern Vanderzanden was absent. A quorum was present.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 17, 2009 Executive Board meeting and January 7, 2010 Chapter meeting were approved as circulated.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Donna Yount reported: On January 28, 2010 we had Checking, Savings and Investment Accounts of $30,414.47. A copy of the complete report is attached to these minutes. Treasurer Yount circulated the Annual Financial Report among the members. It is ready to be mailed to Katherine Johnson, State Treasurer of OMGA.

Corresponding Secretary: Geri Larkin noted she sent a thank you note to last month’s speaker and drafted the e-mail announcements and the Chapter Chat. She circulated an example of the note cards she designed and purchased.

Director 1: Business Manager: Director Bill Klug noted the grant application to the Hardy Plant Society and Aloha Garden Club were sent in on time. The Aloha Garden Club will inform us of their decision in February and the Hardy Plant Society will notify us of their decision in late March.

Director Klug further noted Bob Falconer volunteered to be a member of the Audit Committee. The audit is scheduled to be done in February.

Director Klug informed the Board that the Extension Department will buy a new computer for the Master Gardener office. We will not use the computer donated by James Galbreath so it will be returned to him. He suggested we store the old computer as we may need two computers in the office at some point.

Director Klug received a request of $300 from Lenox School. That amount is in our budget. He anticipates that another school will request funding for its garden.

Director Klug noted there will be a change in who is responsible for the County fairgrounds/fairplex. Washington County will be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the fairgrounds/fairplex and the Fair Board will only be responsible for the event. He is attempting to establish a relationship with the County Members and the new Managers.

Director 2. Programs: In Director Vanderzanden’s absence President Cox announced the speaker’s subject for June will be backyard birds and will be presented by a member of the Audubon Society.
Director 3. Publicity: Director Lynn Wagner noted she e-mailed the Executive Calendar to the Board members this morning.

Director Wagner stated she has contacted the Portland Tribune and is waiting to hear whether or not they will publish articles for us. She stated the Argus is carrying a notice of our pruning demonstrations. She noted the theme for the 2010 Mini-College is Back Yard Basics. She suggested we use this theme when conducting our classes at the Fairplex.

Director Wagner noted she will attend meetings organized by Weston Miller for the purpose of spending the $4,000 advertising budget. She asked Board members to e-mail any suggestions regarding this budget to her.

Director 4. Fund Raising: Director Anna Stubbs noted she is continuing to sell hats, loupes, book bags and mugs. Sales are slow this year, only $450 so far. The book sales profit to date is $600. The plant sale preparations are going well but the position of Chairman of the raffle is still vacant.

Director Stubbs stated she is getting prices on badge holders, magnetic holders and lanyards.

Director 5. Chapter Relations: Director Barbara Knopp stated that Erica Orchard opted out this year as editor of The Real Dirt. Gini Lang will continue as editor. She also reported that about 57 people attended the Chapter meetings last month; five are from the new class and thirteen from last year’s class.

Director Knopp further reported she has formed a committee to develop a member survey. Committee members are she, Bill Klug and Tim Lanfri.

She is in the process of arranging a tour of the gardens at Reed College.

OMGA Representative: Ken Keudell said there is nothing to report. The first OMGA meeting of 2010 will be hold this coming Saturday.

OLD BUSINESS

The following motions passed unanimously:

That the elections of new officers be moved from December to November and the necessary changes be made in the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

That approval of the Budget by the Chapter be moved from the December Chapter Meeting to the November Chapter Meeting.

OMGA Representative Ken Keudell circulated a letter from Tam Martin requesting we donate $72.90 to OMGA and receive in return 50 packages of seeds. The money will be used for OMGA outreach.

The following motion passed unanimously:

That we support the OMGA seed project by sending $72.90 to OMGA.

NEW BUSINESS None
UPDATES AND DISCUSSIONS

Educational Outreach Opportunities:

Director Klug noted he talked to the Oregon Food Bank personnel regarding the Five Oaks Middle School Garden Opportunities and was informed it is ready to be planted and they will request the help of Master Gardeners.

President Cox stated she has talked with Maureen Quinn at the Extension Office about “Growing Healthy Kids Opportunities” and our involvement. This program will target children in the lower income bracket and will be teaching gardening and nutrition.

Joanne DeHaan reported the Fairgrounds management is now in flux and she will obtain dates for classes when the new management is in place.

Chapter Support

President Cox noted Alan Strong has sent an e-mail to Board members stating the database has been updated and the directory will be available at the February Chapter meeting.

Corresponding Secretary Larkin asked for guidance on what information she should send to the membership via e-mail. It was determined that only OMGA and Chapter business should be included in e-mails and the number should be limited to two e-mails per month if possible.

President Cox stated she researched Pay Pal as a method of having the membership pay dues online. The cost depends on whether or not all of the dues are tax deductible. If they are tax deductible in their entirety the cost will be approximately 85 cents per transaction.

President Cox adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Agenda Items for Next Month will include a report from the Scholarship Committee, review of goals sent in 2009 and recruitment for Mini-College.

The next Board Meeting will be held February 25, 2010.

Submitted:

Jackie Keil, Recording Secretary

Approved:

Lynn Cox, President