President Ken Keudell called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm. A Quorum was present. There were no guests at the meeting.

Action Item: There was none.

Announcements:

President Keudell noted the renewal period for this Chapter is October 15 through December 15. He reminded members that dues are $25.00.

Director Bill Klug distributed the proposed budget for 2010 and highlighted several items: (1) $1,000 has been budgeted for a new computer for the MG office. Jean Natter noted this expense may not be necessary because Al Martinez has an external hard drive that may take care of the speed problem; (2) $500 for advertising may not be spent if the Multnomah County and/or Clackamas County MG’s do not also contribute $500; the $4,000 for the Demonstration Garden at the Fairgrounds is budgeted (in addition to the $10,000 spent last year) because some items purchased have been more expensive than anticipated.

Barbara Knopp announced the names of the candidates her committee proposes for positions to be vacated in 2010. They are: Lynn Cox for President, Tim Lanfri for Vice President, Jackie Keil for Recording Secretary, Geri Larkin for Corresponding Secretary, Vern Vanderzanden for Director 2, Ken Keudell for OMGA Representative and JoAnne DeHaan for Alternate OMGA Representative.

President Keudell advised those members who have not submitted their Log Sheets to do so as quickly as possible. He also noted that the Fall Recertification Class is November 7 and the 2010 class begins on January 5, 2010.

Jan Miller announced she has 1,100 plants at her house for the Plant Sale. Her goal is to have 2,500 plants by the spring sale date.

Jean Natter stated Master Gardener Guides have been trained. She anticipates that the first three times the new trainees have phone duty they will do so with the help of these Master Gardener Guides. She further announced that we now have a digital camera available in the MG office. It is to be used to take pictures of plants were there is difficulty identifying the plant or identifying the disease. If four office shifts look at the problem and cannot come up with an answer, the photo and a description of the problem should be emailed to the on-line forum for their input.

The Golden Trowel was awarded to James Galbraith for the many hours he has spent working in the Demonstration Garden and other activities.

Program

Lynn Wagner gave an inspiring talk entitled “Horticultural Therapy.”
Respectfully Submitted:

Jackie Keil, Recording Secretary

Approved:

Ken Keudell, President