President Lynn Cox called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm. A Quorum was present.

Action Items: There was no action item.

2010 Educational Outreach Updates: President Cox noted we reached over 5,000 people by our educational outreach programs including 530 people visiting our Open Gardens in July, 4,787 people visiting our Fairplex Gardens during the Washington County Fair in July and August and 75 people attending the Metro Growing Green Program held at our Fairplex Garden. She further noted that 630 pounds of food grown at the Fairplex Garden have been donated to the Oregon Food Bank.

President Cox noted the Extension Office phones were fully manned as were the Farmers' Markets. 80% of the calls coming into the Extension Office are for Master Gardeners' expertise. She noted there are opportunities to sign up for phone duty during the remainder of this year. In addition, the Home Orchard Society has requested we set up a clinic at their "All About Fruit" event on October 9th and the Washington County Parks Department is sponsoring an Energy Fair on October 27th and requests our help in manning a booth focusing on water-wise gardening.

Washington County Extension Office Staff Changes: Sandra Collinger is the new office manager and is currently involved in cross-training the front office staff. As a result of this training each employee in the front office will be trained to assist the Master Gardeners on phone duty and our clients. The phone system is also being automated.

Metro Master Gardener News: Jordis requests that all volunteer hours be sent to her by the end of September. The dates have been set for the 2011 Intern classes; they are January 4th through March 15.

Nominating Committee Update: President Cox stated there are currently no candidates for the following positions: Directors of Publicity, Fundraising and Chapter Relations. She explained the duties of each and encouraged members to volunteer for these positions.

Field Trip Committee Update: The Committee is evaluating various gardens and plans to schedule a Fall field trip.

Changes Being Considered: President Cox noted a committee chaired by Tim Lanfri has explored various locations at which to hold our monthly meetings and has concluded the Beaverton Baptist Church will be the best location. The meeting dates will temporarily change to the first Tuesday of the month. The October Chapter Meeting will take place October 5th at the Church.

Vice President Lanfri noted that committees are looking into possible changes in our web site and our ability to provide scholarships to students studying horticulture or related fields.

Awards: Anna Stubbs presented the following Award Certificates:

to Lynn Cox for Washington County Master Gardener of the Year

to Bill Klug for Washington County Master Gardener of the Year Behind the Scenes
to Tam Martin as Nominee for Oregon State Master Gardener of the Year  
to Jean Natter as Nominee for Oregon State Master Gardener Behind the Scenes

Jean Natter’s Educational Moment: Jean discussed changes in the phone room procedures.

Program: _____ and Deborah Thomas discussed cactus and succulents. (Vern: Can you supply the missing name?)

Respectfully Submitted:

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Jackie Keil, Recording Secretary

Approved:

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Lynn Cox, President

Attendance: 9 guests, 3 interns from the 2010 class, 12 members from the class of 2009 and 37 other members for a total of 61.