

## OSU Master Gardner Volunteers Athens County

DATE: 7/25/2022- Minutes

= Items to think about for next meeting

### **Meeting Details:**

Location: Connie Davidson's house at 6:00 for tour of landscaping. Meeting at 7:00

Meeting time: 7:00pm

### **Members Present (list may not be complete):**

Debi Daniels, Lee Gregg, Nancy, Kathy Berry, Nan Needs, Alexa Ross, Billi Kariher, Janelle Gilmore (inactive), Marcia Burchby, Jake Harnish, Debbie Balding, Zella Nisley, Jeanne Haseley, Ceil Weldon, Pattie O'Brien, Tom Forhan, Michael Lincoln, Naga Teja Gollamudi, Cinda Morosko, Terrie Perez, Kathy McCorkle, Connie Davidson, Karen Durniat-Suehrstedt, & Susie Schroer

### **Business meeting:**

Connie Davidson gave a tour of her property and wonderful landscaping projects from 6:00-7:00, followed by snacks from 7:00-7:20.

Karen apologized for running late; she had a beehive inspection and is happy to report that she has a healthy hive. Karen called the meeting to order at 7:20 and thank Connie Davidson for hosting the night's meeting; Connie said we are welcomed back.

### **Old Business:**

- Approval of meeting notes:
  - Debi Daniels moves to approve June meeting minutes; Ceil Weldon seconded; Unanimous approval

### **Treasure's Report:** Nan Needs –

- Reminder to give Nan monies for your annual dues if you have not yet done so
- Current balance of funds: \$5690.95 (some receipts still need to be added to the balance)
- Once factoring in all misc. expenses and income, the plant sale cleared a total of \$2286.36 raised

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Plant Sale:** No new updates but the Plant Sale will remain as an agenda item for future updates if they arise

- **Children's Garden:** Terrie Perez – \$500 has been spent on various updates such as new signs by the gate to direct people into the garden, fixing/redoing the compost bins (Thank you Michael Lincoln and Debi Daniels for your work in improving the bins!). Michael Lincoln also fixed the doors on the purple box and new locks were purchased for the Children's Garden.

To date, 300 lbs. of produce (mainly pears and squash) has been donated to CFI (expecting to start donating tomatoes next).

Terrie reports having seen lots of families visiting the garden thanks to the new signs as well as the new dog park has also brought new visitors to the area.

- **Program Committee:** Zella Nisley – Reported on the recent trip to United Plant Savers. It was a beautiful and informative tour that lasted approximately 1.5 hours with time for questions and answers. Everyone learned about the value of native and medicinal plants. Attendees also learned about the history and mission development of UPS. UPS is also an excellent place to visit to go bird and butterfly watching. UPS is also available for various events such as weddings, camping, and picnics. Lee Gregg thanked Laura Caple for her work coordinating this successful field trip.

Lee – The next program will be before the August 22 MGCV meeting and will take place at the children's garden to showcase the garden in its prime growing season. Come to share your successes and learn about the growing success of others. Bring, if you want, veggies to share and/or donate to CFI.

LilyFest in Rockbridge, OH was July 8-10, 2022. Lee, Michael, and Kathy all visited on their own time and reports that it was a beautiful event and location. Karen mentioned that LilyFest is a non-profit that raises money for educational programs and opportunities. Does MGCV was to embrace the festival in the future by organizing a group trip? Having a booth at the festival? Something to think about.

Lee – looking at September for programming and decisions will be made based upon Covid and whether we will be meeting virtually or in person; stay tuned for more details soon.

- **Farmers' Market:** Billie – Thanked everyone for their help this summer thus far; additional help will be needed starting the second half of August. The hope is to continue to have the booth through August and reevaluate continuing through September. Billie is still looking for volunteers, please contact her if interested/available to help in any capacity. Make sure to use: [silverheron8888@gmail.com](mailto:silverheron8888@gmail.com)

Farmer's Market attendees have enjoyed visiting the booth and getting information as well as free give aways such as the lily roots

### **NEW Business:**

- Zella – Congratulations and thank you to the MG interns that have reached their 15 volunteer hours. How do we make sure they receive their name tags?
  - Karen – Ed checks volunteer hours that have been submitted online and orders name tags once the volunteer hour requirements have been met; this is why it is important to enter your volunteer hours on the MGV website!
- Karen – Passed around a roster; please check it to make sure all of your information is correct (name, phone number, email)
- Karen – Location of future meetings; keeping in mind Covid considerations? The August meeting will be at the Children's Garden. September and October we are still hoping to meet outside (locations TBD). Nov, Jan, and Feb we are planning to meet virtually. In March we will assess for meetings to be held in person (outside) or virtual.
  - Karen asked if we should leave decisions of future locations for meetings to the program committee or decide as a group on locations?
    - Consensus is to let the Program Committee decide
- Karen – Reminder to donate your excess produce for CFI at the Farmer's Market on Wednesdays and Saturdays
  - Zella – You can donate on behalf of Athens Co. Master Gardeners; please let Zella know the approximate weight of produce donated so that she can keep track
- Karen – Between now and end of August, think of conference nominations for: programs, volunteers, staff, etc. There will be more discussion in August once we receive more details from Ed.
  - Lee – in order to maintain platinum status, we must make at least one nomination and have recorded that all members have paid their yearly dues so be sure to get your dues to Nan Needs if you have not yet done so.
- Zella – Since we have a healthy balance of funds, should we reduce the due amount?
  - Karen – This is something we should discuss at the next meeting as an agenda item. Keep in mind that it is easy to reduce the membership dues, but it is harder to increase the amount again in the future
    - Marcia – Instead of reducing feeds, maybe we should look at scholarships or other good opportunities with out surplus of funds

**Meeting adjourned:** Kathy Berry moves to adjourn the meeting, Ceil seconds the motion.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

**Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by:** Susie Schroer

**Snack sign-up Reminders:**

**August 2022** – Nan Needs and Marcia Burchby

**September 2022** – Michael Lincoln and Susie Schroer

**October 2022** – Tom Forhan and Kathy McCorkle

**November 2022** – Nan Needs

**March 2023** – Jeanne Haseley and Kathy McCorkle

**April 2023** -

**May 2023-**

**Plant Sale 2023** -