

OSU Master Gardner Volunteers Athens County

DATE: 10/24/2022- Minutes

= Items to think about for next meeting

Meeting Details:

Location: the Pig Barn at Athens County Fairgrounds

Meeting time: 6:00pm meeting, 7:00pm guest presentation

Members Present (list may not be complete):

Michael Lincoln, Laura Caple, Naga Teja Bollamudi, Nan Needs, Kathy McCorkle, Ceil Weldon, Nancy Walker, Debi Daniels, Beck LaSur Martin, Karen Durniat-Suehrstedt, & Susie Schroer

Business meeting:

Karen welcomed everyone at 6:00 and encouraged folks to grab some snacks (thanks, Kathy!) before starting the meeting at 6:15

Karen also thanked Rebecca Snell for being the guest program speaker and giving a presentation on Oak Masting.

Old Business:

- Approval of meeting notes: Debi motioned to approve, Tom 2nd motion
 - motion passed

Treasure's Report: Nan Needs –

- Current balance of \$5400.21
 - This total includes a \$50 Honorarium for tonight's speaker, Becky Snell

Committee Reports:

- **Children's Garden:** Michael and Debi – made new main gate to garden; gate swings all the way open and now has nice hinges, and a latch pin. This is for the gate that is facing the bike path; there are plans on working on the gate facing the community center next.

There was a request to get more funds to get new fencing for the improved gates so that the fencing on the gates matches the fencing around the rest of the garden. The fencing need would be approximately \$81 for 4' x 100' fencing; the surplus fencing will be saved to be used for future projects.

- Ceil moved to approve the additional funding of \$81, Beck LaSur Martin 2nd motion

- Motion approved to provide \$81 to Children's Garden for fencing improvements

Dorie reports that there are about 8 more beds to have compost added and will then be closed for the Winter.

- **Program Committee:** Laura – November's program will be online and the topic will be about conifers.
Reminder that programming for November – March will be online to accommodate for the cold while at the same time also accounting for Covid safety
- **Newsletter:**
- **Farmers' Market:** Starting in November, the market will be moving to under the solar panels at the Community Center

Kathy mentioned perhaps getting a new tent to protect from rain blowing; will revisit the issue after visiting the market at the new location to assess needs.

Michael asked if the move will effect parking for the plant sale. Will also need to investigate and revisit once it has been running a few weeks.

NEW Business:

- **Banners** – Ed sent out requests for bids and is waiting on those bids to come back
- **Seed Trials** – Ed asks that all seed trial reports be submitted online by 11/1/22
- **Club Calendar** – Karen asked if we need to add a club calendar to the homepage of the website to include events like the plant sale, meetings, annual conference, field trips, etc.
Laura – asked who would have the permission to add events?
Ed said he has the permissions and could also give permission to others to add and edit

After a little more discussion, it was decided that Ed would start to post a calendar on the website for use to look at as a trial run then vote upon acceptance/changes at the next meeting in November.

- **White Oak Acorns** – Laura brought sprouted white oak acorns for members to take if they want; she also has more at home
Rebecca Snell mentioned that they will germinate now so it is best to keep the tap root moist and plant to encourage growth. It can even be planted in a Dixie Cup for now and then transplanted to the ground later. *This was a great segue into tonight's program presentation about Oak Mastings.*

Meeting adjourned: at 7:02 pm and was followed by the program presentation on Oak Masting by Rebecca Snell

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by: Susie Schroer

Snack sign-up Reminders:

March 2023 – Jeanne Haseley and Kathy McCorkle

April 2023 - TBD

May 2023-

Plant Sale 2023 -