

OSU Master Gardner Volunteers Athens County

DATE: 10/24/2023- Minutes

Meeting Details:

Location: Zoom – Thank you for your flexibility in returning to a meeting the day after the Library presentation. And thank you to Char for coordinating the presentation at the Library.

Meeting time: 6:00

Members Present (list may not be complete):

A screen shot was taken to capture who was in attendance and, unfortunately, the laptop that stored the image crashed and the file was lost. All that to say that, despite best efforts, attendance was unable to be recorded.

Business meeting:

Karen called meeting to order at 6:06pm

Old Business:

- Approval of meeting notes:
 - Zella made motion to approve
 - Ceil 2nd motion with correction of spelling in Upbeet vs. Upbeat program

Treasure's Report: Nan Needs – The final reimbursement process was attached in the meeting announcement. To discuss comments/questions about the new process? Additional changes will be made by Karen and returned to the membership at the November meeting

- Debi Daniels suggested using the title/position, rather than individual names to share with OSU for reimbursements
 - Nan reviewed the last 3 years of requests for reimbursement and identified 6 people that had made requests: Michael, Debi, Zella, Teri, Cinda, and Laura (Zella is willing to give up purchasing items if necessary)
- Current balance: \$6602.96 after current expenses. The Hocking Bank balance is \$209 which includes a \$9 deposit of cash from the sale of a t-shirt.
- November's speaker will not qualify for an honorarium and Lee asked if someone could provide a houseplant and card
 - Laura Cale volunteered to provide a houseplant
- Nan continues to work closely with Faye at the Extension Office

Committee Reports:

- **Children's Garden:** Terrie – Very close to reaching 800lbs donated to CFI.

Zella – We will be harvesting and donating cabbage soon which will surely put us past

800lbs. Garden beds will be put to rest for the Winter shortly after the cabbage is harvested.

Terrie – Thanked Molly G’s husband for helping us trim and find better spacing for the mulberry tree by the garden that is outgrowing the space.

Also thanked Molly for bringing community groups of kids to the garden as they have been great and welcomed guests.

- **Program Committee:** Lee Gregg – The November meeting will be held in person at the Extension Office. Social hour with snacks provided by members from 6:00-6:30pm; program meeting (Megan Ellis with Bach Hollow Natural Areas and Preserves) starting at 6:30, and business meeting after the program. A Zoom option will be available for individuals not able to attend in person. We will decide the format for the January celebration meeting during November’s meeting. Ed will provide the “Safe Food Handling” in-service at the February 2024 meeting.

Lee also asked for those that attended the program presentation at the Library to do a short write-up about the presentation to add to the Newsletter.

Laura - lesson plans for the Children’s Garden programming as well as an inventory of all resources was sent to Ed to post to our website for all to have access to the resources

- **Newsletter:** Ceil – Agreed with Lee that it would be great if those that attended the presentation at the Library could do a write-up for the Newsletter; the more writers/contributors the better as everyone will have different things to add

New/Other Business:

- Ed – The food handling training will be in a train-the-trainer format. Ed will take a 3 hour course and then will be able to give a 1 hour course to the group. The 1 hour course can be the Continuing Education opportunity for February. This training will need to be completed by any gardens run through OSU (which Athens MGVS is through the OSU Extension), and that donates produce from that garden, will need to complete the training.
- Terrie – Was approached about an opportunity to do a plastics recycling program that would earn a recycled bench at the Children’s Garden.
Discussion followed as to whether or not to be a part of the plastics recycling program:
 - Lee – Plastics recycling really isn’t very beneficial and research has shown that it’s become a guise by big oil to make folks think that recycling plastics offsets the use of plastics
 - After more discussion and Q/A, a vote was held on whether or not to be a part of the program:

- Lee made motion to vote to not be a part of the program
 - Laura second the motion
 - Group voted to not be a part of the program
- Nomination Committee – Lee – Still forming committee but talked with others and gathered ideas for nominations and nomination committee members
 - Please contact Lee if you want to be on the nomination committee or if you would like to run to be an officer

Meeting adjourned:

- Ceil made the motion to adjourn
 - Zella seconded
 - Motion to adjourn approved

Next meeting will be on 11/27/23

Meeting minutes were submitted by Susie Schroer (with support from Karen and Kathy for taking notes while Susie was running late from work – thank you!)