

## **OSU Master Gardner Volunteers Athens County**

**DATE: 11/27/2023- Minutes**

### **Meeting Details:**

Location: Hybrid: Meeting at the Extension office, or option to join virtually

Meeting: 6:00 – 6:30 social time and snacks, 6:30 – 7:30 guest presentation, 7:30 MGV meeting

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

Debbie Balding, Laura Caple, Michael Lincoln, Zella Nisley, Rachael Crouch, Ceil Weldon, Joke Harnish, Elizabeth Flum, Margaret Hoff, Terrie Perez, Lee Gregg, Dyana Robernalt, Jeanne Haseley, Cinda Morosko, Nan Needs, Kathy McCorkle, Karen Durniat-Suehrstedt, Ed Brown, Susie Schroer

### **Business meeting:**

After a presentation by Meghan Ellis from the Boch Hollow Nature Preserve about preserves around the area, Karen called the meeting to order at 7:50pm

### **Old Business:**

- Approval of meeting notes:
  - Zella made motion to approve meeting minutes with addition of adding that information about additional harmful chemicals in plastics besides oil
    - Michael seconded the motion
    - October meeting minutes approved

**Treasure's Report:** Nan Needs – There is \$6852.96 in our account; of that \$100 is encumbered for the Children's Garden, and \$150 is encumbered for honorariums which leaves an available balance of \$6602.96. There is also \$200 available in the Hocking Valley Bank account.

Discussion of DRAFT Procedures for MGV Reimbursement for Expenses:

- Due to Admin changes at the OSU Extension, Karen is pausing voting on the final procedures for reimbursements once a new administrator is identified and settled into their role.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Children's Garden:** Zella – Everything has been put to rest for the Winter (with the exception of the pollinator area to increase seed dispersion). 817.8 pounds of produce were donated this year.
- **Program Committee:** Laura Caple – January's program will be the annual celebration for 2023 accomplishments and highlights, February will be the Food Handling training.

There are ideas and plans being made for March and forward, and those will be shared once plans are finalized.

- Karen – For the January celebration, we could use help so please reach out if you're available/interested
- **Newsletter:** Ed added lunch and learn schedule to November's Newsletter

### **New/Other Business:**

- Nomination Committee: Lee Gregg – Decided, as a committee, that the Executive Committee be staggered with seasoned and new members to increase institutional knowledge and fresh ideas.
  - Remaining on the Executive Committee: Nan Needs (as Treasurer), and Karen (as president)
  - NEW Executive Committee: Beck La Sor (as VP), and Michael Lincoln (as Secretary – with Dorie Gilbride as an alternative when Michael is unable to attend).
  - Karen proposed we vote on the proposed new Executive Committee
    - Vote passed and Executive Committee members will fill their roles starting February 2024
- Intern Class – Ed sent a sign-up link to those interested in signing up for the next Intern class which included a combination of previous sign-ups and those that recently showed interest (8)
  - An announcement was also sent to those that showed interest on sign-up list at the Farmer's Market (~189 people)
  - There have also been social media posts/announcements that reach approximately 3000 people

### **Meeting adjourned:**

- Laura Caple made the motion to adjourn
  - Nan Needs seconded
    - Motion to adjourn approved

Next meeting will be 1/22/24

Meeting minutes were submitted by Susie Schroer

