

## OSU Master Gardner Volunteers Athens County

DATE: 11/28/2022- Minutes

= *Items to think about for next meeting*

### **Meeting Details:**

Location: Online Zoom meeting

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

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

Billie Kariher, Dorie Gilbride, Marcia Burchby, Debbie Balding, Debi Daniels, Michael Lincoln, Cecelia Weldon, Laura Caple, Tom Forhan, Margaret Hoff, Rachael Crouch, Rebecca LaSor-Martin, Lee Gregg, Ed Brown, Nan Needs, Kathy McCorkle, Karen Durniat-Suehrstedt, & Susie Schroer

### **Business meeting:**

Karen welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting at 6:05

### **Old Business:**

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

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

- Current balance of \$5400.21

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Children's Garden:** All beds have been harvested and no other updates to currently report.
- **Program Committee:** Lee – January is usually a time to come together to celebrate the previous year's successes and make plans for the upcoming year.

Still working on final details for the February programming.

Karen – Due to weather and Covid precautions, the January meeting will be online where we can update on reports and celebrate the last year's successes. January's meeting doesn't need a program component as it'll just be celebrations and planning, but we can resume programming for February. In March, we hope to also celebrate by resuming in-person meetings when we can start to gather outside again.

- **Newsletter:** Ceil would like to recognize Marcia and all of her work on the Newsletter committee.

Marcia – Would like to create a “Botanical Road Trips” section to the newsletter. If you have visited another garden/conservation area/botanical destination/etc., please let Marcia know and send her pictures of your travels if you have them and she will highlight your suggestion in the newsletter.

Ed – Reminder that there will be no newsletter in January, but the newsletter will resume publication again in February.

- **Farmers’ Market:** Billie – sent a list to Ed of those interested in volunteering for the Farmer’s Market in the future. The new Farmer’s Market spot (at the Athens Community Center) is going well but still working somethings out. Will continue to provide updates to changes/issues/parking/concerns/etc. as they arise. Parking is available under the first two rows under the solar panels, and parking is available in front of the Community Center.

Karen asked Billie to keep an eye on parking by the swimming pool that could disrupt parking for the plant sale. So far, Billie doesn’t think it’ll be an issue but will continue to keep an eye on things and will keep us updated if that changes.

Lee asked if there have been any fee changes with the location change; Billie hasn’t noticed anything yet but will inquire again to double-check in the Spring.

### **NEW Business:**

- **Executive Committee** – Karen mentioned that all officers are willing and able to continue their roles for another year.
  - Lee motioned to take keep the current officers for 2023; Tom 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - By raise of hands, the motion passed
- **Banners** – Ed is waiting on one more quote to come in and, once all quotes are in, the group will take a vote on how/who/which banner to move forward with. We can vote on direction at the January 2023 meeting.
- **Club Calendar** – Ed reports that our Master Gardener Volunteer website now has a calendar with meeting times and locations, special events, etc. During the January 2023 meeting, Ed will screenshare how to navigate to the calendar on the website as well as phone app.
- **Volunteer Opportunities** – Ed has been contacted by someone that is currently in the area, but is visiting from Hawaii; they would like to do some volunteer work while they are here. If you have volunteer suggestions, please let Ed know and he will share the

opportunities from the visiting volunteer. The volunteer opportunities can include opportunities outside of Master Gardener volunteer opportunities.

- **Volunteer Training Class:** Karen – there have been meetings on Thursdays to discuss the class format. Discussions on having some classes in person (such as “hands on” classes like the soil testing class), and some classes online. January 18, 2023 will be the first class and it’ll be a in-person orientation class at the OUS extension office.
  - Ed: We need to recruit people to register for the new cohort. We need 10 people to run the class and currently only have 1 applicant.
    - Michael asked how to get the word out about registering for the next class/recruiting for the class. Ed mentioned that in the past we would use a sign-up sheet at the Farmer’s Market for those visiting the booth and expressing interest in the class and then we would send them emails to apply. We now also have the Facebook page where we can recruit, we can share the opportunity with CFI to also spread the word, and current MGJV members can recruit their friends to join.
- **Recertification:** Ed – keep an eye out for emails from Ed concerning MGJV recertification (need 20 volunteer hours, and 10 education hours to recertify).

**Meeting adjourned:** at 6:55 pm and was followed by the program presentation on “Conifer Calamities”

**Reminder** – There will be no meeting in December and we will resume regular monthly meetings in January on Zoom (the January meeting will be a time to celebrate our successes of the past year and start to plan for the next year). **If you have pictures of MGJV events and meetings from the past year, please send them to Ed so that Kathy McCorkle can compile the pictures into a presentation to share at the January celebration meeting.**

**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 -**