

OSU Master Gardner Volunteers Athens County

DATE: 2.28.2022 Minutes

Meeting Details:

Location:

Zoom Conference meeting (virtual meeting; meeting ID: 967 1756 0208) or call by phone 646-876-9923

Meeting time: 6:00 pm

Members Present (list may not be complete): Karen Durniat-Suehrstedt, Susie Schroer, Marcia Burchby, Zella Nisley, Deborah Daniels, Laura Caple, Kathy McCorkle, Ed Brown, Ann Brown, Naga Gollamundi, Tom Forhan, Carolyn Sutherland, Terrie Perez, Nan Needs, Patricia O'Brien, Jeanne Haseley, Lee Gregg, Ceil Weldon, Cinda Morosko, Karen Hayes, Kathy Berry, Linda Parsons, Alexa Ross, Michelle Gorman, Joanne Brim, Char Rae

Business meeting: 6:00 pm

Karen Durniat-Suehrstedt called the meeting to order at 6:02pm and welcomed everyone.

Old Business:

- Approval of meeting notes:
 - Zella moved to approve previous Minutes; Nan Needs seconded;
Unanimous approval at 6:05pm

Treasure's Report: Nan Needs –

Starting balance of \$4664.86

- \$280 paid towards insurance for booth at Farmer's Market

+ \$1060 additional income

= \$5444.86 (with an additional \$123 to be added to the account once Nan makes a deposit)

- If you haven't paid your \$20 dues for the year, please do so by making a check for \$20 to "Athens County Master Gardeners" and mail the check to Nan Needs at:
13070 Dutch Creek Rd.
Athens, OH 45701

NEW Business:

Educational Reminders, opportunities, and other topics of business:

- Karen gave a reminder to re-certify if members have not yet done so on the Master Gardeners state site
 - Cinda will be reaching out to member on her list that still need to recertify
- Karen asked Ed for updates on the new training class. Ed was happy to announce that everyone in this year's cohort were able to attend the tree pruning class
- Plant sale: planned (waiting on confirmation) date of Saturday May 14. Ed mentioned that he has heard from those interested in participating in the plant sale, but nothing is yet finalized
- Deborah Daniels mentioned that the Humane Society has their garden tour set for 5/21

Committee Reports:

- **Farmer's Market:**

- Carolyn mentioned that Billie did a presentation for the new class and also has all needed supplies
 - Carolyn and Billie are in communication with the Farmer's Market on meeting details for 3/10/22 at 6:00pm at the OSU Extension Office
 - Tom said he can attend if Billie is unable to
 - Carolyn is sending Nan an invoice for the booth for \$475 to be submitted with the proof of insurance which Nan already has since it has been paid (see above).
- **Children's Garden:** Terrie Perez –
 - Terrie is currently working on an agenda/schedule for this year's new class, working on clean-up and compost duties as well as square gardening. There is a tentative start date of 3/14 with the Community Center. Terrie will have a sign-up for those that want to volunteer pulling weeds and taking over a perineal bed.
 - Naga will check online reports to see if there's been any recent flooding in the area
 - Laura Caple mentioned that the April Master Gardener's meeting could be at the garden so everyone can help prep and clean-up
 - **PR Committee:** N/A
 - **Program Committee:** Laura Caple, Lee Gregg & Ed Brown –
 - Used Zoom break-out rooms so small groups could discuss how we got into gardening, what we are interested in learning, and challenges we have gardening. The discussion and ideas will be used by the Program Committee to generate ideas for future learning topics.
 - Hoping to be in the garden starting in April, then field trips in May, June, and July
 - **Newsletter Committee:** Ceil Weldon/Marcia Burchby – Ceil asked for anyone that has an article/idea to contribute should contact her
 - **2022 Intern Class:** Ed Brown – Class has been going well. Everyone was able to attend this year's tree pruning class. Looking forward to field trips happening soon.
 - **Nominations Committee:** N/A

Additional New Business, News, & Updates:

Those that attended the 2021 State Master Gardner Conference reported on presentations they attended:

- Lee Gregg – Shared a powerpoint presentation on the "Herbs 'R' Us" presentation she attended about "what is an herb?" the benefits of herbs, and growing tips
- Terrie Perez listed to a speaker, Joe Tychonievich, on his work on the genetics and cross breeding of petunias. Very interesting talk and encourage other to experiment in their own garden. Terrie highly recommends "A Comic Book Guide to Growing Food"
- Tom attended "Save the Planet One Garden at a Time" which highlighted that Master Gardener programs in Ohio have great membership numbers, work projects, and programs. Tom also mentioned that he learned that only 5% of the USA remains in "pristine" form which got him to wondering how to encourage others to plant and grow plants in a natural way, and to change behaviors to get people to see themselves as a part of nature

- Karen – attended a presentation on the Buckeye Tree and learned about all the wonderful different types and varieties of buckeye trees and their various benefits

Meeting adjourned: Karen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Char and Tom seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by: Susie Schroer