

OSU Master Gardner Volunteers Athens County
DATE: 3/27/2023- Minutes

= Items to think about for next meeting

Meeting Details:

Location: Online Zoom meeting

Meeting time: 6:00pm meeting, 7:00pm Regenerative Agriculture presentation

Members Present (list may not be complete):

Lee Gregg, Laura Caple, Debi Daniels, Michael Lincoln, Beck La Sor, Debbie Balding, Marcia Burchby, Dorie Gilbride, Rachael Crouch, Joke Harnish, Tom Forhan, Terrie Perez, Cecelia Weldon, Billie Kariher, Cinda, Karen Hayes, Margaret Hoff, Ed Brown, Nan Needs, Kathy McCorkle, Karen Durniat-Suehrstedt, & Susie Schroer

Business meeting:

Karen called meeting to order at 6:06pm

Old Business:

- Approval of meeting notes:
 - Laura Caple motioned to approve minutes, Lee 2nd motion
 - Unanimously approved

Treasure's Report: Nan Needs – Current balance of \$4761.94

- All but 2 annual MGV dues have been paid either via check or online.

NEW Business:

After learning that, as an OSU volunteer group, we are not supposed to fundraise, it was suggested that we become an independent vendor program of the Extension Office. With Ed's help, the Executive Committee gathered more information about what it would entail to move to being an independent vendor program and created a FAQ sheet that was shared with all members in email and Karen read the FAQ sheet during the meeting.

Lee suggested holding space/time for discussion about the move.

After short discussions, Tom made the motion to our chapter to become an OSU Independent Vendor; Cecelia 2nd the motion

- Motion was approved

Committee Reports:

- **Children's Garden:** Terrie – The battery-powered mower has failed, but thanks to Tom's help, we have a replacement mower for the Children's Garden area. Nan's brother will look at the broken mower to see if he can fix it. Cardboard will also be covering the grass around the current garden area to kill the grass so that the Children's garden can then be expanded. Once that is complete, then we most likely won't need either mower.

There's a possibility of selling the mowers on Facebook Marketplace and reinvesting the profits back into the Children's Garden. Terrie would like to give a special thanks to Margaret Hoff for all of the good work she has been doing managing our Facebook page.

Keep an eye out for upcoming volunteer opportunities in the Children's Garden. Email/contact Terrie with your volunteer interest.

- **Program Committee:** Laura – June 12th is the first week of summer camp at the Recreation Center so the committee is working on updating the curriculum and will need volunteers to facilitate lessons/activities at camp

June 21 is the proposed date for a field trip to tour the Governor's Mansion – stay tuned for more details

The April meet will be at Karen's house at 5:30 for a pot luck meal, followed by the meeting, and then we will take a wildflower tour around Karen's property. Bring a lawn chair

May meeting will be at Anne Browne's house

June will be visiting Gary Connelly's GreenHouse/Nursery

- **Newsletter:** Marcia – Are you visiting a garden that's not on a MGV field trip? Let Marcia know and she will do a write-up about the garden.

Cecelia – There's an open invitation to send questions to "Dear Flora" for the Newsletter.

- **Plant Sale:** Cinda – Plant Sale will be on May 13. Every week Ed will send out an email about what should be getting done to prepare for the sale (starting plants, moving them to pots, etc.)

Terrie – There are lots of extra pots locked in the shed at the Children's Garden; they will be first come first serve; Code for the lock is 9 3 0

Ed also has lots of extra pots at the Extension Office to donate

Cinda – We will also be looking to borrow pop-up tents to use the day-of the sale

- **Farmer's Market:** Billie – Hoping to start having a booth on April 1
Billie needs \$425 to pay for the booth registration; Nan will issue the payment for registration.

Billie needs volunteers to manage the market booth, preferably a month at a time. Ed will send out a survey link to capture volunteer interest/availability

New/Other Business:

- **Banner:** Ed – Anticipates it'll be ready by the next meeting
- **Other:** Karen – We have a new Facebook account. It will be a good place to share gardening tips and info., announce continuing education events and volunteer opportunities, etc. You can send Margaret content if you have any questions and/or content to post to the Facebook page margaretmayhoff@gmail.com

Also need to make award nominations for the annual MGVC conference (nominations due by end of April)

Meeting adjourned: at 7:22 pm and was followed by the program presentation by Badger Johnson from Rural Action about Regenerative Agriculture

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by: Susie Schroer