

OSU Master Gardner Volunteers Athens County

DATE: 3.28.22- Minutes

Meeting Details:

Location:

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

Meeting time: 6:00pm

Members Present (list may not be complete): Karen Suehrstedt, Zella Nisley, Laura Caple, Billie Kariher, Kathy McCorkle, Marcia Burchby, Margaret Hoff, Tom Forhan, Nan Needs, Molly Gassaway, Ceil Weldon, Rachel Crouch, Pattie O'Brien, "Joke", Ed Brown, Terrie Perez, Michelle Gorman, Alexa Ross, Naga Teja, Cinda, Nancy Walker, Lee Gregg, 740****535

Business meeting: 6:00 pm

Karen called the meeting to order at 6:05pm and welcomed everyone.

Old Business:

- Approval of meeting notes:
 - Tom moved to approve February 2022 Minutes; Marcia seconded; Unanimous approval

Treasure's Report: Nan Needs – Karen would like to look at the budget to discuss this year's budget compared to last to discuss differences due to having low expenses during the pandemic vs. now.

- Nan reports the current balance of 3/28/22 totals \$4572.68 (Last year's expenses = \$2310 with an income of \$2661.55)
- Karen: last year there were no state dues and the Farmer's Market expenses were also lower because of Covid impacts. Big question now is how much should we project/budget for 2022 for advertising and presentation costs; specifically a banner?
 - Terrie Perez asked about past advertising expenses for the plant sale and do we need a banner at the Farmer's Market?
 - Should we account for a banner at the Farmer's Market as well as a banner for the children's/community garden?
 - Ed mentioned we probably have an additional \$1000 in expenses (~\$500 for online class and ~\$500 for soil testing for 2021 and 2022) as we have only paid for manuals so far
 - Kathy mentioned we have received \$1080 in fees from the intern training class
 - Nan mentioned that 14 members have paid their \$20 dues for the year and will send emails to those still needing to pay
 - Karen estimated that this year's plant sale could bring in \$2500
 - Terrie asked if we would vote on a proposed budget then revisit the budget after the Plant Sale to see if we have more options to move money around (such as using \$800 for the Farmer's Market and \$200 on other advertising costs/needs)
 - Tom made a motion to vote on a tentative budget and Laura 2nd.
 - Tentative budget approved via a vote at 6:36pm to revisit the projected budget after the plant sale once we have a better understanding of how much money we have available for advertising and other costs
 - Unanimous approval

Committee Reports:

- **2022 Intern Class:** Ed Brown – This week is the last online class; next 3 classes will be at various sites including the children's/community garden and the Dairy Barn
- **Plant Sale:** Ed Brown – Ed has met with team a few times.
 - Cinda will be sending reminders to think of plants to donate for the sale.
 - Ed shared results on opinions on plant sale location: Out of 13 responses, the front corner of the community pool parking lot was most desirable
 - Plant sale will be 5/14/22. We will still need to confirm arrangements for tables (can come from extension office).
- **Children's Garden:** Terrie Perez – Next MGV meeting will be on 4/26/22; everyone can meet at the children's/community garden to do some clean-up work and prepare for the season, then at 6:00 will be the scheduled MGV meeting.
 - Laura mentioned that herself and Karen will meet with the Community/Rec Center to coordinate educational opportunities and programs for Summer Camp at the Community/Rec Center to match the camp's theme for the week. Will need about 4 volunteers to help each week. Reach out to Laura/Terrie if you can help with curriculum
- **Farmer's Market:** Billie Kariher – This Saturday we will be back for the first time during the "regular" market (non-Covid protocols). There is a need for volunteers to help and coordinate; Ed will email out a sign-up sheet to the group.
 - Market starts at 9:00; coordinator/volunteers should be there around 8:00am
- **Newsletter Committee:** Marcia Burchby – One request: Pattie mentioned 2022 is the 50 year Anniversary of the Master Gardener program so please send any old photos, stories, etc. about the history of Master Gardeners over the years to add to the Newsletter
- **Program Committee:** Laura Caple/Lee Gregg/Nancy – tonight's webinar will be by Doug Tallamy
 - Julie Zickelfoose will have a program in McConnelsville on 3/25/22. Those interested in attending can meet at Karen's house in Glouster and then carpool together
 - Nancy made a motion to move the next meeting to Tuesday 4/26/22 to accommodate folks being able to attend this presentation on Monday 4/25/22. Cinda 2nd and motion was unanimously approved at 7:21pm

NEW Business:

- **Educational Opportunities:** Ed Brown –
- **Other topics of business:**

Meeting adjourned at: 7:30pm

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by: Susie Schroer