OSU Master Gardner Volunteers Athens County DATE: 4/24/2023- Minutes

= Items to think about for next meeting

Meeting Details:

Location: Karen's beautiful house

Meeting time: 5:30 for wildflower tour/walk, followed by a pot luck dinner, then followed by the regular monthly meeting

Members Present (list may not be complete):

Marcia Burchby, Cinda Morosko, Michael Lincoln, Ann Brown, Kira Burns, Ceil Weldon, Zella Nisley, Debi Daniels, Beck LaSor, Terrie Perez, Lee Gregg, Laura Caple, Ed Brown, Nan Needs, Kathy McCorkle, Karen Durniat-Suehrstedt, & Susie Schroer

Business meeting:

Karen called meeting to order at 7:11pm

Old Business:

- Approval of meeting notes:
 - o Lee Gregg motioned to approve minutes, Debi Daniels 2nd motion
 - Unanimously approved

Treasure's Report: Nan Needs – Current balance of \$4586.94

- Everyone has paid their dues
- Nan is working with Faye and has moved all but \$200 to the OSU account
 - Reserving some cash on hand for items such as petty cash for the plant sale change
 - o If you have receipts that need to be reimbursed, please work with Nan and Faye

NEW Business:

Committee Reports:

• **Children's Garden:** Terrie – There have been many planting groups out to the garden recently. Terrie and Michael have started to organize operations for plant sale preparations and staging.

Cardboard has started to go down to cover/kill grass just outside of the children's garden to be able to expand and utilize more usable ground.

Thank you to Kathy for making a new scarecrow to go into the garden.

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

- **Program Committee:** Laura Lesson plans for programs in the Children's Garden are almost done; the group will be meeting soon to finalize the lesson plans. We will need volunteers the week of June 12 (the start of the community center's summer camp) to facilitate the lesson plans with camp kids.
 - May's meeting will be at Ann Brown's house to tour all of her gardens; Ann and Lee will provide snacks
 - June will be visiting Gary Connelly's GreenHouse/Nursery

Ann Brown will be collecting sign-ups of those interested in joining a Heritage Garden tour at the Governor's Mansion on June 21st at 10:30. For security purposes at the Governor's Mansion, Ann will need to submit the names of everyone attending prior to the trip and everyone will need to bring their IDs. The tour is approximately 1 hour; it is free but donations are greatly appreciated. Need names by June 5 to complete the group's registration.

• **Newsletter:** Marcia and Ceil – Please take photos of any garden tours you do so that a story about the garden tour and photos can be added to the newsletter.

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 and there are a lot of updates to share:
 - We have about a dozen plastic plant trays, but need more so please donate if you have any; these trays are beneficial for shopping/transporting multiple plants. If you have any trays to donate, you can leave them at the Children's Garden or bring them to the sale on the day of.
 - o Ed sends our weekly reminders and to-dos to prepare for the sale each week
 - Ed brought flyers to share please take a few flyers and share with your communities/contacts
 - Margaret has the plant sale flyer on our Facebook page so please share
 - Ed 9 folks have submitted their responses on the survey about which plants they will be donating. Keep adding to that list.

- Farmer's Market: Billie is out sick and can't attend tonight's meeting but she did send an email to Karen to share updates:
 - This coming weekend (4/29) there will be an opportunity for folks to enter a chance to win a "Rain Barrel Workshop" and a RainBarrel to take home after the workshop.
 - The Farmer's Market booth has volunteer coverage until the 2nd weekend in May (plant sale weekend) and will need volunteers after that; please contact Billie if you are able to volunteer on any weekends from May 20 and/or any following weekends.

New/Other Business:

• **Volunteer Opportunity:** Ed – the community of Shade is looking for volunteers to help maintain the area around the community center.

Meeting adjourned: Beck motioned to end the meeting and Lee 2nd the motion; meeting adjourned at 7:56pm

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by: Susie Schroer