

OSU Master Gardner Volunteers Athens County

DATE: April 26, 2022 - Minutes

Meeting Details: Meeting in person

Location: Children's Garden (located behind Athens Community Center)

Meeting time: 6:15pm

Members Present (list may not be complete): Holly Dallman (guest), Michael Lincoln, Terrie Perez, Dorie Gilbride, Margaret Hoff, Pattie O'Brien, Debi Daniels, Alexa Rios, Debbie Balding, Lee Gregg, Marcia Burchby, Rachael Crouch, Zella Nisley, Ceil Weldon, Ed Brown, Karen Suehrstedt, and Susie Schroer

Business meeting: *Prior to calling the meeting to order, Holly Dallman with the Athens County Humane Society came to speak about the Garden Party at the Zenner House on May 21st from 2:00-4:00pm. She also spoke about the self-guided Garden Tour from Amesville to Athens on May 22nd from 10:00am-4:00pm. More information about each and to purchase tickets can be found at www.athenshumane.org*

Karen called the meeting to order at 6:27pm and welcomed everyone.

Old Business:

- Approval of meeting notes:
 - Terri moved to approve 3/28/22 Minutes; Patti seconded; Unanimous approval
- Recent intern class graduated 4/20/22; Congratulations and welcome to your first meeting!

Treasure's Report: Nan Needs was absent, so Karen provided an update –

- Current balance is \$3911.68; a more detailed report will be shared after final numbers are reported from the plant sale, at which point we will be able to plan/create a budget for the year

Committee Reports:

- **Children's Garden:** Terrie Perez – Prior to the day's monthly Athens County Master Gardener meeting, some members arrived to the Children's Garden to do volunteer work. Members and Interns cleaned up the area (pulled weeds, prepped for planting season, organized, etc.), as well as cleaned pots for the upcoming plant sale. More work still needs to be done (e.g. pulling more weeds, more planting prep), so please contact Terrie to sign up if you'd like to help
- **Program Committee:** Lee Gregg - In May, meetings will be in various locations (commercial and Master Gardener locations) for program events. May's program will be in Amesville for a tour of the garden there. June and July will be at other locations (TBD) and will resume at the OSU extension office in Athens in August.
- **Newsletter Committee:** Ceil Weldon – Collecting stories to send to Ed. Send articles/ideas to Ceil and Ed. Ceil needs a "plant of the month" to highlight for the next newsletter; please send ideas/articles. A possible future article idea will be to feature Sharon Pino - a long term member. Read a good book lately? Share with Ceil to highlight in the newsletter.

- **Farmer's Market:** (Billie Kariher so Karen provided an update) – Had a table at the market on 4/2, 4/16 was very cold so skipped that week, 4/23 the table at the market was very busy with lots of various questions, also promoted removal of invasive plants.

Billie needs a supervisor for May so please contact her to sign-up/volunteer. If you need help transporting items for the table at the Farmer's Market, Billie can help with transportation.

- **2022 Intern Class:** Ed Brown – Graduated 4/20/22 CONGRATULATIONS!
- **Plant Sale:** Ed Brown – Keep an eye out for emails for volunteer sign-ups. Char Rae doing promotions, including radio. Can stage for the plant sale at the Children's Garden.

NEW Business:

- There was discussion around using a credit card swipe (for plant sale, Farmer's Market, as well as paying individual membership dues). There is no cost for the technology but the service does take a very small percentage of the sale.
 - Rachael Crouch suggested having a minimum amount per transaction
 - Vote on using a swipe reader:
 - Terrie moved to vote on using the credit card swipe, Debbi seconded motion
 - Motion approved and a new credit card swipe will be used at the upcoming plant sale

Other topics of business:

- Patti asked if there are any other Master Gardener chapters in Ohio with a invasive species programs and community information (for example, Morrison-Gordon elementary just planed invasive pear trees so how can we better inform the public/powers that be in decision making?
 - Lee – How can we work with City Commission on advising native plants to use during projects/development. Can we do a training/information session with them?

Meeting adjourned at: 7:07pm

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by: Susie Schroer