

OSU Master Gardner Volunteers Athens County

DATE: 5/23/2022- Minutes

Meeting Details:

Location: Tour the Garden of Mary Ann Westendorf in Amesville at 6:00 with assistance from Ann Bonner.

Meeting time: 7:00pm

Members Present (list may not be complete):

Michael Lincoln, Billie Kariher, Lee Gregg, Marcia Burchby, Zella Nisley, Laura Caple, Dorie Gilbride, Terrie Perez, Naga Teja Gollamudi, Debi Daniels, Joke Hanh, Karen DS, Nan Needs, Kathy McCorkle, Karen Durniat-suehrstedt

Business meeting:

Karen called the meeting to order at 7:18 and welcomed everyone.

THANK YOU TO THE PLANT SALE COMMITTEE: CINDA MOROSKO; CHAR RAE; DEBI DANIELS; RACHEL CROUCH; AND ED BROWN AND EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED BY BUYING PLANTS, SET UP, TAKE DOWN, SNACKS/DRINKS OR WORKING WITH CUSTOMERS DURING THE SALE. THE CHILDRENS GARDEN-TERRIE FOR THE STAGING AREA; THE FLYER-ALYSE CARTER
TOTAL FROM PLANT SALE \$2418.85

Old Business:

- Approval of meeting notes:
 - Terrie Perez moved to approve April Minutes; Debi Daniels seconded; Unanimous approval

Treasure's Report: Nan Needs –

- Karen facilitated the discussion around the 2022 proposed budget. Line items were reviewed and discussed. Joke reminded the group that the \$370 MGV state dues is comprised of \$10 for each member registered with the state and \$10 for the local club (\$20 annual fee per member). We currently recognize 27 members but the state recognizes 37. Also, at one time the cost of the state membership was covered by the club. Zella stated that this changed some years ago due to ACMGV budget restrictions. Ed will help review the list of members registered with the state to verify the number.
- \$50 to Village Productions will be paid from the speaker's fees for the use of the hall for tonight's meeting.
- Teri Perez clarified that she can use the Children's Garden allocation as needed. Karen clarified that receipts are necessary and to be presented to Nan. Any monies over the allocated amount must be approved by the membership.

- There was a concern about the disbursement of payment for the State MG Conference. Change to 15 hours of volunteer work from 5 to receive honorarium for attending the conference. Also discussed that the Plant Sale was our major fundraiser and were there other ideas to raise money? (Raise dues, raise money for the intern classes, put on classes and charge)
- Plant Sale raised \$2418.85
- Karen moved to approve Zella Seconded; Unanimous approval

Committee Reports:

- **Plant Sale:** Ed requested that we keep responding to Plant Sale Survey. This helps the committee for next year. Suggested the Committee meet to write down all the suggestions for next year. Karen said she would ask Cinda to give a full report at the next meeting.

Concern from Debi Daniels that the only one phone to use the Square. Also need to add an Android phone and the iPad at \$10 each. Chip Reader was \$50.

Discussed Invasive Plants at the sale. We had Dame's Rocket and Honeysuckle. The Buttercups were not the invasive kind. Suggested that someone appointed to check the plants that come in with the Invasive Plant List from the Department of Agriculture before the sale.

- **Farmer's Market:** Billie Kariher – Said it has been awesome! Passed out Victory Seed packets and needs the tablet to sign people up that are interested in the Intern Classes. May not know all the answers but using Ask a MG and the Extension Office always good way to go! Ed said on his site athens.osu.edu he will post links to sign up for Volunteer opportunities. Click on "Members Only" to find the links.
- **Children's Garden:** Terrie Perez –Needs someone with carpentry skills for work on the compost bins. Debi Daniels and Michael Lincoln volunteered. Terrie stated that they had started planting and have had lots of visitors to the garden. Strawberries look great from all of Dorie's work. Still some vandalism. Maybe put up a trail cam and signage that they are being watched. Terrie wants to go a different route. Signs of what the garden is for and she has been working with State Park workers to help watch. Will also talk to the city about Trash and Recycling Bins to keep trash out of the garden.

Lee felt that signage gets stolen regularly at gardens and maybe education and discussion with each group that comes into the garden of its importance. Education in the Garden this summer is June 20-23 with Friday as a rain date. Working with new administration from the Community Center and they have weekly themes. Will work under the theme of: Great Outdoor Adventures. Four 1 hour lessons and Tammi, Zella, and Laura have been working to revise the curriculum for each grade level K-6. Still

need helpers, need 4 helpers each day; 1 leader, and 3 group leaders. Ed had sent the sign-up sheet out earlier.

- **Program Committee:** Laura Caple - June-will go to Debi Daniels house. Asked to carpool, parking is limited. Nancy Walker will supply snacks and a sign-up sheet will be circulated. July-Connie Davison's House. Daytime Summer Trip in August-ideas are United Plant Savers (Meigs) and/or Worthington Mansion & Gardens-Gardens at the governor's mansion in Chillicothe. It is currently closed due to COVID.
- **Newsletter Committee:** Marcia Burchby – Always looking for articles: Need someone for Asian Jumping Worms; 50 Years of the Farmers Market (Molly); Dehydrating Vegetables (Kathy); Lending Library (Terri); Plant of the Month; Book Reviews-if hear about a good book, Char Rae will even read it and write the article. Writing up travel to interesting places; Highlighting Members for example, Sharon Deno, Mary Culp, Betsy Brijou; Great questions from the Farmers Market

NEW Business:

- Ed Brown – Ed posted a website to order MG merchandise. Deadline for Ed to order is June 13th.

Meeting adjourned at: Naja Gollamudi made the motion and Terrie Perez 2nd. Meeting adjourned 8:30.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by: Susie Schroer