

OSU Master Gardner Volunteers Athens County

DATE: 6/26/2023- Minutes

Meeting Details:

Location: Gary Conley's house in Glouster

Meeting time: 6:00 for garden tour, followed by the regular monthly meeting

Members Present (list may not be complete):

Dorie Gilbride, Laura Caple, Michael Lincoln, Marcia Burchby, Debi Daniels, Connie Davidson, Sandra Imhoft, Debbie Balding, Beck LaSor-Martin, Kathy McCorkle, Nan Needs, Karen Durniat-Suehrstedt, Ed Brown

Karen called the group together at 6:15. Nancy Walker introduced Gary Conley who has recently joined Rural Action as the Native Plant Nursery manager. Gary comes to the organization as a professional landscape ecologist with 20 years of technical and analytical expertise in ecological management and research projects.

Gary showed the group around his house and native gardens. Many questions were asked about various varieties and how he propagates his seeds and seedlings.

Karen thanked Gary for allowing us to come and tour his gardens and hold our meeting on site.

Business meeting:

Karen called meeting to order at 7:45pm and thanked Gary for allowing us to come and tour his gardens and hold our meeting on site.

Old Business:

- Approval of meeting notes:
 - After motion to approve and motion being seconded, there was a vote to approve June minutes

Treasure's Report: Nan Needs – Current balance of \$7198.87. Nan has been working with Faye on issues from the merger to the OSU site.

- Karen suggested that we give an honorary stipend of \$50 to Gary Conely.
 - Beck Lasor-Martin made the motive and Debbie Balding seconded
 - Motion approved
- Karen also suggested an honorary stipend for the heritage Garden at the Governor's Mansion
 - Kaura Caple made the motion to donate \$50 to the Heritage Garden
 - Michael Lincoln seconded motion
 - Motion approved
 - Nan will work with Ann Brown on an address to send the donation

Committee Reports:

- **Children's Garden:** Terrie was unable to attend tonight's meeting but had emailed Karen to ask for volunteers to help harvest ripe raspberries with in the next few days.
- **Program Committee:** Laura Caple reported on the Sumer education Program at the Garden. We worked with 4 groups and all of the children were well behaved
 - Kindergarten – Lessons involved general knowledge of the garden; students planted bean seeds
 - Grades 1-2 learned about pollinators and planted sunflower seeds
 - Grades 3-4 learned about insect mouth parts: butterflies and moths have long "straws" and bees have short straws; flies have tongues for lapping, and caterpillars and mammals have mouths for chewing
 - Grades 5-6 learned about the structure of good soil. Teresa Caldwell brought macroscopes to see ritters that lived in the soil; she was allotted 10 minutes per group but could have talked the complete hour

Laura had received a positive note from the Community Center saying that the kids were excited and talked about the activities and enjoyed themselves

Karen thanked all of the volunteers: Laura, Beck, Molly, Char, Lucy (CFI), Debbie B., Terrie, Zella Margaret, Cinda, Teresa Caldwell, Pierretle, Kathy M. and also Karen Hayes for lesson planning

Kathy thanked Laura for leading the group and all her hard work at coordinating the activities. Laura said that anyone is welcome to take over the program, all the lesson plans are there and ready to go

Next month's program will be July 24 at the Wistendahl Garden; we will break up into groups for a small tour of the garden

- **Newsletter:** Marcia said Ed does so much and thanked him for his support. The Newsletter team is always encouraging others to write articles
- **Farmer's Market:** Laura said Billie had graciously let her use the tent for the Children's program and after transporting and lifting the tent, remembered that when Carol Sutherland had started coordinating at the market that she used a large umbrella. Discussion was on the weight of the base and wind may be a factor. Karen suggested that she would contact Billie and problem solve with Billie being involved in the conversation

New/Other Business:

- Karen asked Ed to report on the banner; Ed had two quotes:
 - \$289 – banner would fit the stand we already have

- \$344 – a new set up with banner and scroll stand
- Plant Sale Survey: Ed said 5-6 people have responded to the survey. Kathy state that she had suggested on the survey to buy plastic tables instead of all the hard work of lifting the heavy metal table and thanked Ed, Cinda, Larry McCorkle, Susie and any others involved with moving the tables. A 6' table at Menards was \$49.99 and the 8' table was \$85. Ed said we would need about 8 tables and his only concern would be where to store them.

Meeting adjourned:

- Beck LaSor-Martin made the motion to adjourn
 - Marchia Burchby seconded
 - Motion to adjourn approved

June meeting minutes were compiled by Kathy McCorkle while Susie was out of town;

thank you Kathy!

Meeting minutes were submitted by Susie