

OSU Master Gardner Volunteers Athens County

DATE: 6/27/2022- Minutes

Meeting Details:

Location: Debbie Daniels house at 6:00 for tour of landscaping. Meeting at 7:00

Meeting time: 7:00pm

Members Present (list may not be complete):

Lynn Lovdal, Alexa Ross, Kira Burns, Tom Forhan, Michael Lincoln, Molly Gassaway, Susie Schroer, Debi Daniels, Marcia Burchby, Laura Caple, Jeanne Haseley, Terrie Perez, Kathy McCorkle, Nancy Walker, Lee Gregg, Karen Durniat-Suehrstedt

Business meeting:

Debbie Daniels gave a tour of her property and wonderful landscaping projects from 6:00-7:00, followed by snacks from 7:00-7:25.

Karen called the meeting to order at 7:25

Old Business:

- Approval of meeting notes:
 - Terrie Perez moved to approve May Minutes; Tom Forhan seconded;
Unanimous approval

Treasure's Report: Nan Needs –

- Reminder to give Nan monies for your annual dues if you have not yet done so; there are 8 outstanding dues
- Current balance of funds: \$6110.98

Committee Reports:

- **Plant Sale:** Good year for the plant sale. We made/raised about the same as usual. Still recovering/adjusting from Covid disruptions of the past few years which had an impact on attendance this year as well as location change, but overall happy with the location change.
- **Children's Garden:** Terrie Perez – New signs around the garden are up. So far, the garden has produced 80lbs of produce that has been donated. Michael and Debbie have been working to improve the compost bins
- **Program Committee:** Laura Caple – Programming for the Community Center's Summer Camp children's education programs has been going well. Next year can hopefully plan to do more programming in July when more plants are growing and can also have a focus on pollinators. In August there MIGHT be a celebration get together so folks can share what they have learned from gardening.
Also trying to plan a field trip to United Plant Growers in Meigs County which will also

include a short trail walk. Cost would be about \$100 total so the per person cost would be dependent upon how many register for tour.

- **Newsletter Committee:** Marcia Burchby – Planning for July newsletter. As always, please send articles/ideas/book reviews and suggestions if you have any.
- **Farmers' Market:** Lee Gregg shared that things are going well with plants, visitors, questions, and handouts at our booth.
Billie is still looking for volunteers, please contact her if interested/available to help in any capacity. Make sure to use: silverheron8888@gmail.com

NEW Business:

- Karen – To try to handle/accommodate incidental purchase requests in a more timely fashion, the Executive Committee would like to discuss the possibility of having a discretionary fund. Monies used from the fund would need to come as a request to the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee must agree on the request. This would allow the E.C. to approve/deny purchase request in a more timely fashion rather than bringing the incidental request to the entire membership at a monthly meeting for a vote.
 - Lee, Kira, and Terrie all agree the E.C. should have a discretionary fund, but that it should have a monetary limit
 - Laura moves that a discretionary fund for short-notice money request be established with the use of funds only allowed with consensus of E.C.
 - Lee seconded the motion
 - Approved
 - Terrie moves that the cap of the discretionary funds be set at \$300
 - Debbie seconded the motion
 - Approved
- Molly Gassaway – Those that have volunteered to help with school garden upkeep, please go to the School Garden sheet on our MGVS site and enter your contact info. ASAP. Having this information will allow Molly to start making arrangements for the rest of the Summer. In the near future, there will be more ADA-friendly gardens at Morrison-Gordon and West Elementary schools; including a sensory garden area. At some point, Molly will ask for volunteers for creating programs at the gardens so please share your interest on the School Garden Sheet.
- Karen – The Ora Anderson Trail coordinator, Michelle Gorman, has taken another position and will no longer be able to lead this project. If you'd be willing to be a coordinator, please go to the OAT sheet and check the box indicating your interest.
- Athens in Bloom, Master Gardeners, and the Athens Garden Club are looking for volunteers to help with week removal of the roundabout at Stimson on 6/29/22 from 5:30-6:30pm
- Ed – All items from the catalogue have been placed and we will also receive a tablecloth as a donation

Meeting adjourned: Terrie Perez moves to adjourn the meeting, Tom seconds the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by: Susie Schroer

Snack sign-up Reminders:

July 2022 – Debi Daniels and Lee Gregg

August 2022 – Nan Needs and Marcia Burchby

September 2022 – Michael Lincoln and Susie Schroer

October 2022 – Tom Forhan and Kathy McCorkle

November 2022 – Nan Needs

March 2023 – Jeanne Haseley and Kathy McCorkle

April 2023 -

May 2023-

Plant Sale 2023 -