

OSU Master Gardner Volunteers Athens County

DATE: 7/24/2023- Minutes

Meeting Details:

Location: Wistendahl Gardens

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

Members Present (list may not be complete):

Beck LaSor-Martin, Zella Nisley, Debbie Balding, Jeanne Haseley, Laura Caple, Nancy Walker, Joke Harnish, Cinda Morosko, Pattie O'Brien, Kathy Berry, Ceil Weldon, Randall Fields (guest), Barbara Klaer (guest), Marcia Burchby, Debi Daniels, Belinda Just, Kathy McCorkle, Nan Needs, Karen Durniat-Suehrstedt, Ed Brown, Susie Schroer

Business meeting:

Karen called the group together at 7:30 and thanked the Wistendahl volunteers and Program Committee for putting on an informational garden tour.

Old Business:

- Approval of meeting notes:
 - Debi Daniels made motion to approve
 - Cecil Weldon 2nd motion
 - Motion to approve June meeting minutes was approved

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 and is still working on ability to write checks. Please continue to turn in receipts to Nan if you have any for reimbursement.

Committee Reports:

- **Children's Garden:** Terrie was unable to attend tonight's meeting but had emailed Karen to report that the garden has donated approximately 152.7 pounds of food to CFI.

Progress on all the various projects in the garden is going well and Terrie always welcomes volunteers for help.

- Debbie Balding reported that the committee was also able to get more mulch for the paths that came from the Community Center's facilities folks.
- **Program Committee:** Laura Caple announced the August MGV meeting will be at the Hog Barn at the Fair Grounds; Gary Connelly will speak about the Invasive Plant Council and their process for prioritizing removal, ending landscape sales (such as for Bradford Pears), and other measures.

The September meeting will be about food preservation (location TBD)

October we will be meeting at the Athens library to hear from a speaker about gardening for climate change (the MGCV meeting will be at 5:30 and the speaker will begin at 6:15)

Karen – In September or October we will vote on if we should continue to meet in person during the Winter months or via Zoom.

- **Newsletter:** Marcia reported that things are going well and that the committee is still accepting articles on any/everything.
- **Farmer's Market:** The sign-up sheet to volunteer in August is going around during the meeting.
Please volunteer to help station the booth; contact Billie to share your interest in volunteering

Our booth is now under the solar panels so we do not have a need to bring the shade tent which should make the set-up easier

New/Other Business:

- Ed - Banner updates: Ed has 3 bids in and, depending on the vendor (local or not local) and whether or not to have a new stand with the banner the bids range from ~ \$290 – \$349
 - After some discussion about the options, Karen suggested that we take a vote
 - 8 voted in favor of the local vendor option and 5 voted in favor of the non-local option
 - The local option is Zones and the Zones option comes with a stand
- Ed – Getting information about MGCV volunteers needing Safe Food Handling training to be able to donate veggies. Ed is working with a group to do a 1.5 hour training; stay tuned for more info.
- Ed- Athens Co. Fair: Fair is early August and we will have a booth again at the Fair and looking for a topic/theme to have at the booth. Please send Ed ideas for the booth and/or if you are able to volunteer at the booth. Volunteers will still need to pay the entrance fee.
- Karen – Keep in mind that the MGCV Annual Conference is coming up October 12 -14. We have \$350 designated to reimburse those paying to attend the conference.
 - To qualify for the reimbursement assistance, you will need to have attended at least 3 monthly meetings, and have at least 15 volunteer hours

- The \$350 is the total allocated for reimbursement assistance so, if 4 people apply for assistance then, if they qualify, everyone will receive \$87.50 reimbursement support

Meeting adjourned:

- Beck LaSor-Martin made the motion to adjourn
 - Zella Nisley seconded
 - Motion to adjourn approved

Meeting minutes were submitted by Susie