

OSU Master Gardner Volunteers Athens County

DATE: 8/22/2022- Minutes

= Items to think about for next meeting

Meeting Details:

Location: Children's Garden

Meeting time: 6:00pm

Members Present (list may not be complete):

Billie Kariher, Kira Burns, Dorie Gilbride, Michael Lincoln, Zella Nisley, Terrie Perrez, Debbie Balding, Julie Plante, Margaret Hoff, Debi Daniels, Alexa Ross, Char Rae, Beck LaSur-Martin, Kathy Berry, Naga Teja, Nan Needs, Kathy McCorkle, Karen Durniat-Suehrstedt, & Susie Schroer

Business meeting:

Karen started the meeting at 6:06 by welcoming everyone and thanking the Children's Garden committee for hosting the night's meeting. It's exciting to see all the improvements to the garden and how well the plants are thriving.

Old Business:

- Approval of meeting notes:

Treasure's Report: Nan Needs –

- Current balance of \$5589.86
 - Still needs to write a \$55.70 check for the children's garden = balance of \$5534.16

There was discussion around requests for additional funds. Zella mentioned that, during our first year, there was not enough money to pay for the plant sale. The plant sale is currently our only fundraiser; this year the plant sale cleared \$2226.36 funds raised. Anticipating needing \$500 in "seed" money for the next plant sale (for location costs, plant starts, etc.).

Annual expense for all MGV programming:

- \$280 insurance
- \$370 State dues
- \$475 Farmer's Market
- Finances for Intern Classes:
 - \$430 training costs
 - \$230 Soil Tests
 - \$500 webinar fees

- \$550 Speaker fees

Char proposed setting a minimum budget. Zella mentioned \$2000 and Beck 2nd; vote passed.

Committee Reports:

- **Plant Sale:** No new updates but the Plant Sale will remain as an agenda item for future updates if they arise
- **Children's Garden:** Zella reports that, to date, 645 lbs. of produce has been donated to CFI.

Terrie reports that improvements to the garden are looking good (thank you to those that have painted signs, worked on new compost bins, pulled weeds, improved raised beds, etc.).

Terrie also reports that the Community Center also wants to talk about working together to plan after-school programming at the garden.

- **Program Committee:** Neja invited people to visit his garden for the next meeting on 9/25. He lives in The Plains and suggested parking at the Water & Sewer District lot and then walking over.
- **Newsletter:** Marcia has nothing specific to report, but encourages anyone to submit Newsletter ideas, book suggestions, etc.

Discussion about adding a "MGV Wish List" to the Newsletter. Char moved to add a "MGV Wish List" to the Newsletter, Zella 2nd; motion passed.

- **Farmers' Market:** Billie is still looking for volunteers in September and moving forward, please contact her if interested/available to help in any capacity. Make sure to use: silverheron8888@gmail.com

Billie – Next year would like to highlight various MGV projects (for example, the Children's Garden, Plant Sale, etc.) at the booth. Karen suggested printing a few copies of the Newsletter to provide to booth visitors.

Terrie suggested maybe having a Facebook page for additional communication about MGV and all our, projects, events, and how to get involved. Who can help create social media pages for our group?

- **Athens County Fair:** Ed mentioned that there was really good attendance at the Fair this year and good representation by MGVs volunteering at the Fair.

Karen mentioned that we had good posters on display about Master Gardeners and programming. Karen asked about the possibility of moving our booth to the main Fair

building and developing new posters. Ed will look into how much lead time will be needed to print new posters and he will also look into the cost of a booth in the main building. In April, we will revisit having a booth at the Fair. We will also revisit entering various contest to enter, either as individuals or as a program.

- **New Volunteer site:** Karen would like to add the Amesville Pollinator Garden as an official MGCV volunteer site and asked how to add that garden as a volunteer opportunity that would count towards volunteer hours
 - Ed will work to add the Amesville Pollinator Garden to the worksite list to record hours

Break at 7:00 for snacks and sharing member successes

Meeting resumed at 7:20

NEW Business:

- Terries has requested additional funding for the Children's Garden as the garden still needs lots of repairs beyond what has already been done (for example, improving some of the raised beds that are in disarray and pose a safety hazard, improving the raspberry bed, new fencing around the perimeter) and looking at other new improvements (such as an ADA bed, installing a shade area, replacing grass between walkways).

Discussion around how much to reallocate to the Children's Garden for these proposed updates and improvements. Karen mentioned that we would be voting on increasing funds to the Children's Garden and then allow that committee to decide the specifics of how those funds will be used.

Some committees have been awarded funds but have not yet used and/or plan to use funds from those encumbrances; totaling about \$500.

- Zella motioned to reallocate those encumbrances of about \$500 to the Children's Garden for improvements and Neja 2nd; motion passed.

Discussion around additional funding for Children Garden improvements:

- Monica made the motion for addition \$1500 of support for projects to the Children's Garden, Zella 2nd; motion passed

Meeting adjourned: at 7:45pm

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by: Susie Schroer

Snack sign-up Reminders:

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 -