

## OSU Master Gardner Volunteers Athens County

DATE: 8/28/2023- Minutes

### **Meeting Details:**

Location: Pig Barn at Athens Co. Fairgrounds

Meeting time: 6:00 for meeting followed by presentation from Gary Conley about invasive plants in OH

### **Members Present (list may not be complete):**

Laura Caple, Dorie Gilbride, Betsy Flum, Lee Gregg, Rachel Crouch, Margaret Hoff, Molly Gassaway, Debi Daniels, Michael Lincoln, Terrie Perez, Joke Harnish, Debbie Balding, Beck LaSor-Martin, Naga Teja Gallamudi, Kathy McCorkle, Nan Needs, Karen Durniat-Suehrstedt, Ed Brown, Susie Schroer

### **Business meeting:**

Laura introduced Gary Conley of "Ohio Invasive Plants Council" to present on invasive plants of Ohio

Karen called the meeting to order at 6:30 and thanked Gary Conley for presenting tonight.

### **Old Business:**

- Approval of meeting notes:
  - Terrie Perez made motion to approve
    - Debi Daniels 2<sup>nd</sup> motion
      - Motion to approve June meeting minutes was approved

**Treasure's Report:** Nan Needs – Current balance same as last month (\$7198). 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.

Thank you for your patience as we work through a process to issue reimbursements and honorary payments.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Children's Garden:** Terrie – The grassy area is now covered with cardboard and mulch; thank you to Molly Gassaway's husband for the mulch support. The community center supported as well.

There has been approximately 450 pounds of produce that has been donated. This number is lower than this time last year but that should go up as a lot of produce is nearing the time to be harvested and donated.

There are volunteer work calls to work every Wednesday from 8:00-11:00am

Thank you to Debi and Michael on their continued work to install a rodent barrier around the garden.

- **Program Committee:** Laura Caple – In September Mary Malory will be giving a presentation on Food Preservation at the Extension Office.
  - October – meet at the Library on a presentation about climate change and gardening
  - November – there will be a presentation about Nature Preserves, given at the Extension Office
- **Newsletter:** Molly – Keep sending ideas on stories/content. The questions coming in have been great content for a Q&A section of the Newsletter so keep them coming.
- **Farmer's Market:** The Pressure Canning check at the Farmer's Market was a successful event; more than 20 patrons from the community attended

Lee – This coming Saturday is the last planned weekend to have a booth at the Farmer's Market, but Lee is working with Billie to extend our time at the market for 2 more weekends. The booth will have information about invasives one week, and the following week will focus on how to put a garden to "bed" for the off-season.

Billie will also be uploading intern interest to a survey list so that Ed has all names and contacts for outreach to contact about upcoming MGVI Intern classes

### **New/Other Business:**

- Ed - Banner updates: The banner is finally in! Ed had the banner on display at the meeting. The total came to approximately \$260 with OSU printing. The stand makes for easy set-up and take-down and is easier (and lighter) to transport. Lee is taking the new banner to the next Farmer's Market
- Diagnostic Workshop – Michael Lincoln and Debbie Balding attended. Michael reported that the course was hard but good. There was a lot of information in a short amount of time with a quiz at the end; it was challenging but a lot of good info.
- Karen – Keep in mind that the MGVI Annual Conference is coming up October 12 -14 and those interested can register online. 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

- Molly – CFI will be having a garden celebration and all are invited. The celebration is 9/23/23 at the East side Garden. There will be a band and food at the event as well as representatives onsite to talk about and answer questions about: solar power, pollinators, fruit trees, and more.

**Meeting adjourned:**

- Laura Caple made the motion to adjourn
  - Michael Lincoln seconded
    - Motion to adjourn approved

Next meeting will be on 9/25 at the Extension Office.

Meeting minutes were submitted by Susie