

## OSU Master Gardner Volunteers Athens County

DATE: 9/26/2022- Minutes

= *Items to think about for next meeting*

### **Meeting Details:**

Location: Teena Thorton's house in The Plains

Meeting time: 6:00pm garden tour, 7:00pm meeting

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

Molly Gassaway, Dorie Gilbride, Nancy Walker, Zella Nisley, Debbie Balding, Debi Daniels, Beck LaSur-Martin, Billie Kariher, Laura Caple, Terrie Perez, Jake Harnish, Nan Needs, Karen Durniat-Suehrstedt, & Susie Schroer

### **Business meeting:**

Karen started the meeting at 7:15 and thanked Teena Thorton for hosting us and giving us a tour of her large garden and landscaped yard.

### **Old Business:**

- Approval of meeting notes: Terri motioned to approve, Debbie 2<sup>nd</sup> motion; motion passed

### **Treasure's Report:** Nan Needs –

- Current balance of \$5545.21
  - This total includes \$600 in checks that still need to be cashed, and total also includes costs for name tags.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Children's Garden:** Terrie reports that a group of Cutler's Scholars (the group's focus for the year includes food) came to the garden in September to provide some extra work on garden maintenance. They also collected food to be donated to CFI

The garden produced a lot of golden cosmos seeds so Terrie collected the seeds and shared with MGv members at the meeting – thank you!

Zella reports that there has been approximately 825 pounds of produce donated to CFI from the Children's Garden as well as from members that have donated to CFI on behalf of the Athens Master Gardeners

- **Program Committee:** In addition to touring Teena Thornton's yard, we also learned about Naga's gardening. Laura led us on a tour of Naga's garden since he could not be in attendance. Naga created a "map" with information about each plant in his yard and Laura led the group in the tour based upon his map.

Laura mentioned that October's programming has been scheduled with a professor from OU to give a presentation on "Oak Masting." The program will happen the hour prior to the next MGCV meeting (10/26/22) at the "Swine Barn" at the Athens Co. Fairgrounds (the swine barn has a blue roof).

November's programming will be a webinar on conifers

- **Newsletter:** The next Newsletter will include a story from Marcia about various ways to preserve herbs. Book reviews will be a feature coming soon.

Molly Gassaway took pictures of tonight's garden tours and will add them to the next newsletter.

Newsletter team is still looking for "Plant of the Month" ideas for each month of the Newsletter.

- **Farmers' Market:** October 1 was the last weekend for the MGCV booth at the market until next season

### **NEW Business:**

- **Annual Conference** – Karen mentioned that we do have scholarships for members interested in attending the conference (scholarship covers the conference only); please see Karen for more information
- **Banners** – Ed brought different 3 templates of banner design ideas. The templates were numbered (1,2,3) and members were asked to write down their preference on the sign-in sheet
  - Option #3 was the winner with all of the votes
- **Spotted Lantern Fly** – Karen informed the group that a spotted lantern fly was recently spotted in the Port Clinton area. Please keep a look-out for these invasive insects! Currently, Ohio is asking that the flies and their eggs be reported first before destroying. Karen handed out stickers and information for members to help identify
- **Host Stipend** – Laura asked if we should pay/give a small stipend to the night's meeting host (Teena Thornton) and, if so, how much?
  - Terrie made a motion to write a check for \$50; Molly 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - Motion passed and Nan wrote a \$50 check to Teena Thornton

**Meeting adjourned:** at 7:52 pm

**Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by:** Susie Schroer

**Snack sign-up Reminders:**

**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** -