

OSU Master Gardener Volunteers Athens County
June 28, 2021-Minutes

Location: Kathy McCorkle's House and Square Foot Gardens-63753 King Road, McArthur-In case of rain; Zoom Conference meeting (Virtual meeting) (Meeting ID: 967 1756 0208)or call by phone 646 876 9923.

Members Present: (List may not be complete) Ed Brown, Tom Forhan, Karen Durniat Suehrstedt, Laura Caple, Lee Gregg, Nancy Walker, Nan Needs, Pattie O'Brien, Alexa Ross, Joke Harnish, Kathy McCorkle

Business Meeting: Program first tonight at 6:00 PM.

Tom Forhan called the meeting to order at 7:59 and welcomed everyone. Thanks to Kathy for letting us come to her house to view the beautiful gardens.

Old Business

- **Approval of meeting notes:** Tom requested any changes to the minutes, with no response, so approved as stood. **Unanimous approval.**

- **Treasure's Report: Nan Needs-**Nan had recently deposited \$589 and the last of the intern money had come in. She had \$45 more to deposit. Account as of now \$5255.42 Tom talked about an issue with the mower at the garden. Tom reported that the mover would not start. It has a lithium battery and it just stopped working. He tried another battery with no prevail. Nan checked the records and the Mower and Edger cost \$526.44, purchased last year 5/23/20. Green Works brand. Lowes does not sell that brand anymore and will not service. Tom was told that Hilliard was the closest repair site. Tom to call All Power to see if they would service it. Nancy Walker suggested Wakefield's out of Albany and/or C and E, now True Value in the Plains could be helpful. Laura asked if we needed a motion for Tom to go forward? Mower cost around \$400 dollars. Pattie makes motion for Tom to take the mower where he needed for repair, Laura second. Joke wanted to hear the motion again. Lee said Tom would make a good judgement on the price of repair. Nan also said her brother could also look at it. Joke concerned to negate warranty if mower was taken apart in any way. Nan also said maybe put a limit on amount to fix or buy new. Nancy said Better Business Bureau could be helpful. Green Works brand rated well in Consumer reports, however, Tom is having difficulty with the company responding to his requests. The Motion was reworded for Tom to take the mower in for an estimate of repair. All in favor. **Unanimous approval.**

Committee Reports

- **Farmers Market-Carolyn Sutherland-**Carolyn sent Tom a message and no word of any changes at the Market. As it operates now-can set up July. Carolyn relinquished her duties to run the Market. Lee said when Carolyn took over, she did a wonderful job. New person needs to know that they could do it their own way and make it theirs. Tom will put out a call for someone or a committee of people who would be willing to take over. Joke wanted to know if we could leave the equipment at the Mall, she did not have a truck. There is no place to store in the Mall and not safe to leave at the Children's Garden. Lee thought maybe did not need a truck, but cars would work also. Tom will send email for volunteers to contact him if interested at tpfinmed@gmail.com.
- **Children's Garden-Terrie Perez-**Terrie sent a message that things were going very well, donating produce every week. Waiting on the Community Center to talk about Children's Garden program. CFI has sent groups over, so some education is happening. Zella made arrangements with the Girl Scouts for July 15th, 22nd, and the 29th, if needed.
- **PR Committee-Abbey Rodjom-**Tom acknowledged Abbey for all the work she has done for us, even when she was in Belgium for job training. Thanks goes out to Abbey!
- **Program Committee-Laura Caple/Lee Gregg-** Will send out email to vote on date to go to Chadwick Arboretum. Lee said the Program Committee group went up. Very beautiful, just off Lane Avenue. Quite the site to see. Next month will travel to Companion Plants at 7247 N. Coolville Ridge, Athens. Can buy plants and have business meeting there. Kevin Clark will bring caterpillars to the Extension office to the meeting August 23rd.

- **Newsletter Committee-Ceil Weldon/Marcia Burchby-Not Present**
- **2021 Intern Class-Lee Gregg, Terrie Perez-Committee will begin meeting again in August, September.**
- **Nominations Committee-Lee Gregg-N/A**

New Business:

- **Update on suggestion to honor Mason Chambers**-Someone to talk to Amy at the Library, contacted Sue Boyd Plant Works and she plans to talk to Library to make the suggestion.
- **Special Allocation Request**-Suggested we make a \$50 donation to Humane Society for Carolyn's husband in his honor. Alexa Ross made motion to make it \$100, Seconded Pattie O'Brien. All in favor. **Unanimous approval.**
- **Continuing Education Opportunities**- Ed Brown-sending out a new list, still doing things over Zoom, Cuyahoga County sponsoring some programs. Ed was looking for a Volunteer Coordinator, Cinda Morosko is helping, but Ed still needs more help. Betsy helped when she was here. Contact Ed if interested.
- **Suggested doing something special for Betsy before she returns to India**-Ed spoke up and said Terrie Perez is coordinating something for her. No other discussion ensued.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30.

- **Speaker/Program**-The program was at Kathy McCorkle's house. The tour began with viewing the Shiitake Mushroom project protected by the back porch steps. The group then moved to the Square Foot Garden and viewed a mixture of flowers and vegetables. Many questions were asked. The group continued to view different variety of plants ranging from iris, raspberries, hollyhocks, and native milk weed patches, to name a few. The business meeting was held at the neighbor's moated island setting which was much cooler in the hot evening sun. Thanks to Skip and Julie Stringfield.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy McCorkle