

OSU Master Gardener Volunteers Athens County
November 22, 2021-Minutes

Location: Zoom Conference meeting (Virtual meeting) (Meeting ID: 967 1756 0208) or call by phone (301) 715 8592

Meeting time: 6:00 PM

Members Present: (List may not be complete) Ed Brown, Tom Forhan, Karen Durniat Suehrstedt, Nan Needs, Kathy McCorkle, Lee Gregg, Laura Caple, Linda Parsons, Billie Kariher, Rachael Crouch, Joke Harnish, Patty Mercer-Yahini, Susie Schroer, Ceil Weldon, Nancy Walker, Char Rae, Dorie Gilbride, Ann Bonner

Program: Jerod DeForrest, Micro Mycorrhizae fungi

Business Meeting: 6:00 PM

Tom Forhan called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM and welcomed everyone.

Old Business

- **Approval of meeting notes from October 25th meeting.**

Unanimous approval.

- **Treasure's Report: Nan Needs-**Total \$4809.59. Owes Zella \$75.08 and planning on helping with tree at the Library for Mason Chambers.

Committee Reports:

- **Farmers Market-Billie Kariher-**Nothing is going on right now. Billie said the movement of material from Carolyn is complete. She is now getting emails from the Farmer's Market. Lee suggested getting the iPad to Billie. Tom reminded Billie that the Farmer's Market has an Annual Meeting in January and would like her to attend. Let Tom know if she can not and he will attend.
- **Children's Garden-Terrie Perez-**The Garden is put to bed. A big thank you to Dorie Gilbride for helping with composting and covering the boxes in straw and leaves. The walkways looks spick and span from all of Dorie's work. Zella painted the bench in a beautiful orange color. The bench was moved under the fruit trees for more shade in the summer. The have also worked hard on the compost bins. They have had more vandalism in the garden. Bricks were thrown and broke the slate board that Zella had made. Very disappointing. On another note, donated 700 lbs. of produce this year to CFI. Terrie has many plans for next year. Remember the the garden is open all seasons. Molly has been bringing the preschool children as often as possible. Terrie is giving her ideas and lessons she could use with the group of children. Karen mentioned that she had visited a botanical garden in Colorado and they had published a book for children. Terrie was interested and her goal would be for children to experience the garden, touch and smell, and answer questions they may have. Also, Terrie had good news about the Lending Library. Patty Mercer-Yahini stepped up to organize the library. Looking for a book case. Will also list the books on-line so you can see what books they may have.
- **PR Committee-**No one is leading this area up. Please let someone know on the Executive Committee if you are interested.
- **Program Committee-Laura Caple/Lee Gregg-** No meeting in December and January is our Celebration. They have a list of people to call for the meetings next year. Laura said they had Roses for June. Terrie reminded everyone to sign up for the 4 minute presentation for our January meeting on a session you attended from the MG 2021 Conference.
- **Newsletter Committee-Ceil Weldon/Marcia Burchby-**Tom stated that they did a good job on the newsletter! Ceil said they had 1-2 articles already for this month and the newsletter was coming together. Again thanks to Ed for his work on organizing the information.

- **2022 Intern Class-Ed Brown**-Karen Durniat S. reported that the committee has met a couple of times with Ed. It is good blend of new and seasoned Master Gardeners. The Committee decided on a mix of in-person and Zoom classes. Will begin January 19th with an in-person orientation and lay out expectations for the class. The Zoom Classes will meet each Wednesday at 7:00 and entail a 20 minute Welcome and Review, 20 minute Break Out Sessions, and 20 Minute Debriefing. The group will have all the same questions for discussion this year. In-Person labs include: Pruning Lab Saturday February 26 (March 5 rain date), March 16 In-Person Lab-possibly Mycorrhizae Presentation and/or Mushrooms, and April In-Person Labs-Invasives, Composting, Square Food Gardening, and Wistendahl Native Plant Garden. Labs are not optional for the Intern Class.
- **Nominations-Tom Forhan**-Tom is pleased with a really good group for nominations: President: Karen Durniat Suehrstedt, who has been serving as Vice President; Vice President: Kathy McCorkle, who has been serving as Secretary; Secretary: Susie Schroer; and Treasurer will continue with Nan Needs. Terrie Perez made a motion to elect the people named. Ceil Weldon Seconded. Ed put up a poll and nomination members were approved 100%.

New Business:

- **Presentations from the state conference-Terrie Perez**-Already discussed.
- **Memorial Update-Char Rae-Ann Bonner**-Ann said with Tom and Char's help and the Athens Gardening Club, they have made great strides. Memorial will be December 11th at 11:00 A.M. at the Athens Library. They have the Community Room reserved if the weather is cold. Lisa and kids will be there. Nan suggested a \$75.00 check to Ann for half the cost of the tree and other items. Ann suggested \$50.00 because she and Project Plant each wanted to help donate. The tree will be planted the week before which is a 7' Pin Oak next to Dean McWilliam's tree to the left and back of the library, closest to the parking lot. Thanks goes to Ann and all for the great work!
- **January Meeting-Tom Forhan**-Tom reported that the meeting would be held January 24, 2022. This would be our second year on Zoom, wanted to hear preference on how to meet in January. In-person /Zoom/ Combination? Lee was cautious that people were relaxing and then may be a surge after the holidays. Rachael Crouch works in the medical field and she stated that doctors were suggesting maybe waiting until February before meeting in-person again. Maybe wait and see if a spike after Christmas. If in-person, takes more than a week to prepare for the meeting. A question was brought up if it was our 25th year for Master Gardeners? Kathy and others would check their files/pictures for a date of the 20th year celebration. If it is our 25th year, could celebrate in the summer so can be outside. The group agreed on Zoom for the January meeting and Tom asked members to contribute ideas to the Executive Committee. Do not forget to sign up for the 4 minute presentation if you attended the 2021 Master Gardener's Conference. There were four people signed up to present at this time.
- **2022 Training Class-Karen**-Already discussed.
- **Continuing Education-Ed Brown**-Ed said there were a few Lunch and Learns left to view.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:00.

SPEAKER/PROGRAM: Jerod DeForrest was not available to present so watched a presentation on **Mycorrhizae Fungi: What You Need to Know** by Enrico Bonello-Professor Department of Plant Pathology, Ohio State University. Did you know that trees talk to each other? If interested, please watch the webinar! <https://woodlandstewards.osu.edu/resources/webinars>

Respectfully submitted by Kathy McCorkle