

**OSU Master Gardener Volunteers Athens County
October 25, 2021-Minutes**

Location: Zoom Conference meeting (Virtual meeting) (Meeting ID: 967 1756 0208) or call by phone 646 876 9923

Meeting time: 6:00 PM

Members Present: (List may not be complete)

Ed Brown, Tom Forhan, Nan Needs, Kathy McCorkle, Lee Gregg, Ceil Weldon, Marcia Burchby, Terrie Perez, Linda Parsons, Patricia O'Brien, Dorie Gilbride, Susie Schroer, Patty Mercer-Yahini, Rachael Crouch, Alexa Ross, Kathy Berry, and phone # 740*****535.

Business Meeting: 6:07 PM

Tom Forhan called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M. and welcomed everyone. Handed the discussion over to Terrie Perez. Terrie said with absolute joy, announced that Ed had won the 2021 Outstanding Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator Award. The application asked for the person to write their own accomplishments, but knowing Ed and his modesty, Terrie called on a few people to help write the application. Good points that were brought out was his ability to be a good communicator, an enthusiastic motivator, and contributes not only to our group, but to other groups and groups on the state level. Appreciation goes out to Ed for all that he does. Congratulations to you Ed!

Old Business

- **Approval of meeting notes:** Tom opened any discussion in changes in the minutes.

Unanimous approval

- **Treasure's Report: Nan Needs-**Nan reported total in Treasury was \$4809.59. Nan also reported depositing \$45.00 and had paid out \$81.75 to Terrie Perez for the Children's Garden.

- **Committee Reports:**

- **Farmers Market-Carolyn Sutherland-Billie Kariher-**Not present

- **Children's Garden-Terrie Perez-**For the last 3-4 weeks crews of various people, Dorie, Zella, Laura have been cleaning and a lot of the beds have been cleaned. The beds not put to bed yet are the the tomatoes and zinnias. May notice they have worked on the compost bins. If anyone is needing hours, reach out to Terrie and she will advise where to work. They have been working in small groups so the garden will not be crowded. Tom saw the Collection Board and wondered if the collections were a record? Terrie reported 680 lbs. were donated. She knew they had 191 lbs. last year during the pandemic and did not know if this year was a record. Would ask Molly Gassaway, she keeps records from CFI and Ed said he would check, he reports that number to the state. Terrie also said that people can donate in our name. Zella had donated some pears as an example.

- **New Idea:** Terrie reported that Betsy had contacted her before she flew out last Wednesday on their 30 hour trip to India. She left Terrie a few books: Gardenpedia and The Tree Book. Terrie presented the idea of having a **Lending Library** at the Extension Office. She asked if any members had books they could loan to the library? Then, members could sign the books out using the card in each book. There would be no due date, but would help keep records of where the books can be found. She asked for someone to coordinate the **Lending Library** and make an electronic Master List of the Books. Contact Terrie if interested in helping or donating books. During the winter months would be a good time for the library when things slow down. Linda thought it was a good idea and had books to share. Others put they had books too in the chat box. Terrie thought of magazines but harder to organize than books.

- **PR Committee-No report**

- **Program Committee-Laura Caple/Lee Gregg-** Lee stated that next month's speaker will be Jerry DeForest. He will speak on mycorrhizal fungi and tailor his presentation to gardeners, being a gardener himself, instead a presentation to general research science.

- **Newsletter Committee-Ceil Weldon/Marcia Burchby**-Tom said he got his garlic in the garden because of the September Newsletter and enjoyed the article. Marcia had few new ideas for the newsletter: 1)How to grow in Cold Frames. 2) Dehydrating Vegetables-discuss a few vegetables and tips on dehydrating. 3) Collection of decorations that use garden objects. This could just be a group of pictures. If any member would like to write something for these ideas just submit the article to Marcia or Ceil. Also, if members have suggestions for other articles, would love to have them.
- **2012 Intern Class-Ed Brown**-Planning Committee will begin to meet in November. If interested on being on the committee, let Ed know. Last year they met on Friday afternoons but can meet when everyone is available. Terrie is stepping down and would like others to take her place. Lee asked if Ed thought it would be as much work in preparation as last year. They both agreed it would not.
- **Nominations Committee-Lee Gregg**-Tom reported that nominations would be in November. All members are urged to vote. President Nominee-Karen Durniat-Suehrstedt, Vice President-Kathy McCorkle, Treasure-Nan Needs, and still searching for a **Secretary**. This job can be performed by more than one person. Tom has a few feelers out and will ask Lee to help in the search.

New Business:

- **Mason Chambers plaque-Char Ray**-not present-Wanting finalization in November.
- **Partial Funding of Virtual Conference Registration Cost -Policy from last year**-Tom reported that the policy stated that the Master Gardeners Treasury would pay up to 5% of the Master Gardeners Treasury. This amount would be \$244.00 for 2021. Members can nominate themselves and should contact Tom if wanting reimbursement at tpinmed@gmail.com. First come first serve basis.
- **Following shows policy in full:**

Funding criteria as passed by our group (as in Nov 2019 minutes) – as agreed on by Athens MGV admin meeting on 10/12/2020 - policy was modified only for 2020, considering Covid-constraints.

1. Members need to apply for travel money and be approved before reimbursement can be made.
2. Members can nominate themselves or others for full funding to cover registration costs and/or travel expenses and/or accommodation expenses – partial funding of \$20 per person for registration of the virtual state MGV conference.
3. Attendance at monthly meetings (at least 3 in the past year) and volunteer hours will be reviewed (at least 5 hrs in a core MGV project in the past year) when considering a request for reimbursement.
4. Interns who have been involved in at least one project, recent graduates and MGV members needing inspiration will be encouraged to attend conferences and therefore apply for funding if money is the constraint.
5. A limit for reimbursement will be determined as a percentage of the budget. In other words there will be a limit as to how much will be spent on conference reimbursements per year. 5% of amount currently in the MGV treasury (\$240 for 2020)
6. Attendees will be expected to report back to the membership by preparing a chart and/or sharing materials.

Last year 5 people contacted Betsy and \$100.00 was reimbursed.

Educational Opportunities-Ed Brown-Remember that the Lunch and Learns and Happy Hours are still available and all you need to do is sign up. Ed discussed the **Hands on Connect** and saw that people are signing up. Said the state sent better instructions and would get those out. The Home screen shows list of projects and once you have signed up for that project, all you have to do is hit the Log Time button. Can put hours in as one lump some or do individually. Remember that Continuing Education must be an added Project and not under the regular volunteer hours. One problem voiced was the Beginning Time must be the same as the Ending Time. Also, the Anderson Trail is not listed as of yet and can be put under the Herb Garden at the Dairy Barn.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:45.

SPEAKER/PROGRAM: Linda Parsons introduced the members of the CFI presentation for the evening. The new Executive Director Maribeth Saleem-Tanner and Veggie Van Coordinator Ivan Orquera. Maribeth has worked for the Community Food Initiatives for 4 months and reported on the areas that are important to the program. Food Justice, Community Gardens, and Distribution. Ivan discussed food accessibility and the Veggie Van changing from one location last year (Glouster) to three locations this year. (Glouster, Nelsonville, and Coolville) The Veggie Van included donated food and food purchased at the Chesterville Produce Auction. These vegetables were offered to the public at fair price and sometimes purchases were based on income.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy McCorkle