

OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Executive Meeting

October 11, 2017

10 AM

County Courthouse, Room 310

President Chris Rusch called the meeting to order at 10 am. Attending were Chris Rusch, Sharon Bordeaux, Diana Circle, Julie Stanbery, Betty Ison, Judy Huntley, Bonnie Courter, Elva Sellens, Janet Parkerson, and Steve Renquist.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The chapter minutes are available for review on the DCMG website. If there are no additions or corrections, the minutes will be approved as posted.

Agents Report: Steve reported that John Panches will supervise the filbert tree removal beginning October 18th. Steve and volunteer Master Gardeners will cut up the wood which will be available to MG's. Small limbs will be chipped on site and stumps removed once the trees are cut and chipped. Steve also reported that the Integrated Pest Management workshop will be held November 1st. 8 AM to Noon, Room 310, Douglas County Courthouse. The topic will be Orchard and Vineyard Pest Management. The speakers will be Dr. Vaughn Walton, OSU Extension Entomologist, Dr. Achala KC, OSU Pathology Research leader, and Steve Renquist, OSU Horticulture Agent, OSU Extension Douglas County. The flyer and registration information are available on at extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas website. The cost is \$10.00 and preregistration is recommended.

Membership – Diana Circle: Diana reported that two of our members have transferred to other areas leaving our total membership at 267.

OMGA Representative – Nancy Fuller: Alternate Kish Doyle reported that the OMGA representatives attending the banquet had a nice time. She, Julie and Nancy Fuller gave OMGA President Elect Sue Nesbitt and her husband a tour of the Discovery Garden on Sunday Morning, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Treasurer – Patrice Sipos: Chris announced for Patrice that the proposed 2018 budget is out for member to review. It was printed in the October newsletter and will also be in the November newsletter. Members will vote on the proposed 2018 budget the November Chapter Meeting. The current financial statement is posted online.

President – Chris Rusch: Chris thanked Judy Huntley and Betty Ison for a great banquet. She also thanked Sharon Hopkins and Barbara Robinson for the beautiful table centerpieces.

Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch: The plant clinic is now open only 3 days a week. There are still plant clinic openings for veterans and trainees.

Awards – Betty Ison: Betty suggested the banquet end with the final raffle drawings.

Discovery Garden – Julie Stansbery:

- Julie reported that all the irrigation pipe has been removed in preparation for the tree removal.
- The new tractor has arrived. It is in the green shed for now.
- Julie presented a proposal for the cost of repairs to the yellow shed. The repairs will be completed in stages at a total estimated cost is \$3,200. This includes trenching/connecting power, roof, sides, and interior remodel of the building. The first stage is connecting power to the yellow shed from our power source by the green shed. The costs will be digging a trench from the green shed to the yellow shed (\$600) and laying conduit (\$400). Dan Bean is donating the labor for the connection of the power to the box. Since there was power to the shed in the past, there are electrical panels and the shed is already wired for lights. There was discussion about the existing electrical boxes and wiring. Julie assured everyone it would be checked for safety. *At this time, Julie is requesting the Board recommend to members that funds be allocated from savings for this off budget request to put in the electrical at a cost of \$1,000.* Judy Huntley recommended and Sharon Bordeaux seconded. All were in favor. The recommendation will be presented at the October Chapter Meeting.
- Steve indicated that he may have some funds to donate to the project. He will report his findings at the November Board meeting.
- Julie will discuss the next stages of the repairs and make any request for funds (depending on what she hears from Steve) at the November Executive Meeting. She reminded the board that John Panches is donating labor for this project, which would be a big expense if we had to pay to have the work done.

Newsletter – Bonnie Courter: Bonnie indicated she will be on vacation the first part of November. She would like to change the due date for articles for the newsletter. Everyone agreed that she should send out an email with the adjusted newsletter deadline date for articles.

Bake Sale – Janet Parkerson: Janet reported that she is looking for a co-chair for the bake sale. Plans for the sale are progressing. Steve brought apples to the Discovery Garden on Tuesday and eager pie bakers took some home to bake pies for the sale. Janet will be sending out an email to all members with MG Annual Bake Sale information and a request for volunteers to bake for and work at the bake sale. The sale is scheduled for November 18th from 9 AM to 3 PM with set up from 7:30 – 9 AM. Pricing will be on Friday, November 17th at the Extension Office kitchen from 1 – 4 PM and on the 18th at Sherm's from 7:30 – 9 AM. Janet is looking for volunteers for pricing, set up and working at the bake sale from 9 – 12 AM or 12 – 3 PM. Contact Janet at shespriceless@yahoo.com or at 480-748-8405 to volunteer, have an item picked up for the sale, or with information on where to deliver your baked goods.



Other discussion:

- Many of the trainees have not completed their required “payback” hours. This problem is not exclusive to our county. Steve reported that other counties are having the same problem this year. Trainees have until the end of the year to complete the required hours. Mentors should be calling and encouraging the trainees to complete the hours. Steve will contact Trainees personally by the end of the year if they have not completed their hours. If they do not complete the hours, their names will be removed from the roster in January when the new trainees begin classes.
- Julie's request for funds brought up some questions about how Capital Expenditures are recorded in the financial statements. At the November Executive Board Meeting, we will ask the Treasurer to explain to us how a Capital Improvement and the transfer of funds to pay for the improvement are accounted for on the financial statement.
- Karen Glatz and Beth Brown are working on a new gate for the Victory Garden visiting area. This will make the entry more inviting.
- Julie recommended that we see about having an article about Tasha in the newspaper. Chris will contact Barb Horst.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon J Bordeaux, Secretary

Bake Sale:	Saturday, November 18, Sherm's Thunderbird Market, Roseburg
Executive Board Meeting:	Wednesday, November 8, 10 AM, Courthouse Room 310
Chapter Meeting:	Thursday, October 26, 9 AM. First United Methodist Church, Harvard Ave.
Plant Clinic	Monday, Wednesday, & Friday, 1 to 4 PM, OSU Extension Offices
Insect Committee:	1 st and 3 rd Mondays, 10 AM, OSU Extension Offices
Discovery Garden Workdays:	As announced by email
Westside & Eastside Greenhouses:	Tuesdays mornings, times announced by email