

## OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Executive Board Meeting

January 10, 2018

President Chris Rusch called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. Attending were Chris Rusch, Sharon Bordeaux, Diana Circle, Nancy Fuller, Anne Bacon, Barbara Robinson, Bruce Gravens, Betty Ison, Julie Stanbery, Ruth Stafford, Bonnie Courter, Barbara Horst, Ann Severson, Barbara McPherson, Dave Grensky, and Elva Sellens.

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 are approved as posted.

Reports of those attending the meeting:

Agents Report: Steve Renquist

- Steve reported that the new class is very enthusiastic.
- Each pruning class has 25 spaces available, 15 for new class members and 10 for outside persons. All persons, class members and non-members, need to sign up at the Extension Office.
- Spring into Gardening is scheduled for February 24, 2018 and will be held in the UCC Betty Ford Health-Science building. A meeting for volunteers will be held at 10:00 am, February 16, 2018 in the Extension Office Conference Room.
- Grants Pass' Seeds of Spring will be held on March 17, 2018.

Membership – Diana Circle: Diana reported she has received 158 renewal payments (269 members in December). Those who have not sent their membership renewals by January 31<sup>st</sup> will be removed from the membership roster. Three MG's notified Diana they would not be renewing their memberships. She has deposited \$1,640.00 in the bank, which included a \$15.00 donation.

OMGA Representative – Nancy Fuller:

- The "G-2" or Mini College is looking for speakers. Nancy has information for anyone interested.
- The G-2 will be held July 12-14 at Linfield College in McMinnville.
- Nancy reported that the Discovery Garden tour for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. OMGA meeting attendees is scheduled for Friday morning. The two-day meeting is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Treasurer – Patrice Sipos: In Patrice's absence, Nancy reported there were no expenses for December and that Patrice has nearly completed the tax information for OMGA.

Vice President – Anne Bacon: The CED speaker for the January chapter meeting is Andrea Mull from Territorial Seed. If Andrea has a conflict, Anne will present a program on "Container Gardening."

President – Chris Rusch: Holly Burton put together a handout of classes available through OSU Extension. These classes can be counted for CED hours. A copy of the handout is posted on the bulletin board. A discount is given for early registration.

Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch: There were 6 contacts in December. Total contacts for 2017 were a little over 800 for a 10% decrease from 2016 contacts. In 2017, the number of walk in contacts increased over the previous year. Steve noted that the online contacts increased approximately 20%. The top three topic inquiries: Diseases, Insects, General Gardening.

Greenhouse West – Barbara Robinson: Barbara thanked Tasha, Betty, and Jackie for all their help while she was unavailable. West Side Greenhouse workdays will be Mondays while class is in session. Barbara announced this is her final year as chair of the Plant Sale and is looking for someone to work with her this year and assume the chair position next year.

Greenhouse East – Bruce Gravens: East Side Greenhouse workdays will be on Thursdays while class is in session. Bruce indicated that he needs a larger propane tank. A discussion followed regarding gas usage, deliveries from Ferrell Gas, and the optimum green house temperature.

Awards – Betty Ison: 2017 hours need to be reported by the end of January. Betty suggested the due date for year-end hours be moved to the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. An Awards Committee meeting will be held in February after the Executive Meeting.

Discovery Garden – Julie Stansbery:

- Julie thanked Bonnie Courter for her help with the new class tour of the Discovery Garden.
- The first workday will be January 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 -12. Work will focus on the Herb and Xeriscape Gardens.
- The Bittercress is in bloom. Anyone with a little time is welcome to pull this weed!
- The yellow shed is now ours. Dan Bean will have the electrical completed by the end of January. Youthful offenders working off community service hours will do cleanup for the Festival of Lights and move MG pallets stored in the yellow shed. Work will begin on the remodel in February.

Victory Garden – Ruth Stafford: Broccoli planted in the Victory Garden as a winter crop did very well until “critters” made a meal of all but two plants.

Newsletter – Bonnie Courter: Articles are due Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. She thanked everyone for their cooperation in publishing two newsletters back to back.

Publicity/Facebook – Barbara Horst: Barbara reported approximately 900 people are following our Facebook page. Our contact at the News Review is Megan in the newsroom. A new policy at the News Review excludes non-subscribers from viewing articles online; subscribers need to set up an account and sign in to view online articles.

Trash to Treasures – Ann Severson: Trash to Treasures is March 10<sup>th</sup>, with set up on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Ann reported her “Donation Trailer” is already full. She is still accepting your donations and you can contact her at 541-817-4983 or at [grannieannie\\_56@yahoo.com](mailto:grannieannie_56@yahoo.com).

Winter Program – Denise Fennell: Steve reported for Denise that there are 32 students in the 2018 class. Steve complimented Denise on the excellent job she does as the chair of the Winter Program.

#### **New Business:**

Annual Review of by-laws and Policy & Procedures: The Secretary will be sending out requests for changes to job descriptions for officers and committee chairs. Changes will be discussed at the February Executive Meeting.

Concurrent Sessions: Julie Stanbery reported on the concurrent sessions to be held January 23<sup>rd</sup> for the new 2018 class. Sessions will be: (1) Chris Rusch introducing Plant Clinic telephone procedures; (2) Steve Renquist discussing how to use the PNW manuals; (3) Carol Bolt talking about soil testing, Richard Johnstone talking about insects, and Leo Grass sharing Master Gardener history; and (4) the chapter duties session with talks by Anne Bacon on the DCMG chapter, Ruth Stafford on the Victory Garden, Janet Parkerson on the Bake Sale, Barbara Robinson on the Plant Sale, and Julie Stanbery on the Discovery Garden.

Membership Payments: Diana Circle will update the renewal form with the addition of a box to check if there are “No Changes” to the information on file. There was discussion about posting the membership roster online.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon J Bordeaux, Secretary

Executive Board Meeting:	Wednesday, February 14, 10 AM, OSU Extension Conference Room
DCMG Chapter Meeting & CED:	Thursday, January 24, 9 AM – OSU Extension Auditorium
Plant Clinic	January - Mondays; February – 5-days a week. 1 – 4, OSU Extension Office
Insect Committee:	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 10 AM, OSU Extension Office
Discovery Garden:	Workday: Saturday, January 13-9-12
	Pruning Days: January 18, 1-4
	February 9, 1-4
	February 19, 1-4
Spring into Gardening	Saturday, February 24, UCC Betty Ford Health-Science building
Trash to Treasures	Saturday, March 10, OSU Extension Auditorium
Westside Greenhouse Workday:	Monday, 9-12
Eastside Greenhouse Workday:	Thursday, 9-12