

Master Gardener Foundation of Yakima County Meeting
Followed by Yakima County Master Gardener Program Meeting at Red Barn
December 14, 2022 / 10:30 AM

Foundation Meeting Call to Order by Debra Kroon, President

Call for Additional Agenda Items by Debra Kroon, President

Opening Remarks by Debra Kroon, President

Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2022 by Debra Kroon, President No additions or amendments. Jenny Mansfield motioned to accept. Carol Barney seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report (reports sent via email) by Gilbert Plascencia, Treasurer See email! Mentioned \$95,000 balance. Not a lot of activity except Green House gas was increased. Carol Barany motioned to except report. Gini Obert seconded motion. More discussion on gas and utilities. – look at possibly replacing, Gini suggested long range planning committee that the Green house and other interested members lead. Patty Dion moved to accept report and Sheila seconded. Motion passed.

Presentation of 2023 Budget and approval by Gilbert Plascencia, Treasurer See email. Mentioned getting new cash machine/credit card reader, update web site, etc. Utilities were increased from \$12,000 to \$17,000. Is that enough? Gini Obert motioned to approve budget. Carol Barany seconded. After further discussion It was stated that we could increase utilities budget with the thought that we don't have to spend it all. "What we grow –what we get back" We could increase plants cost to public to reflect higher cost of growing. Amendment suggested that we increase to \$21,000 and increase plants by 10%. John Strong motioned to accept, Melody Westmoreland seconded. Motion carried.

Greenhouse Lorie Harrison/Camille Smith/Skip Brockman – Report given by Lorie – Soil and pots ready to go. Let Lorie know if you need anything or have concerns. Cascade raised gas prices. The Greenhouse is buttoned up and not sure whet to do.

Plant Sale Deanna Husch/Susie Walters – Report by Deanna January 18th Meeting at the Eagles. Patti Dion in charge of Marketing. Come with ideas.

Old Business:

T-Shirts for Plant Sale by Debra Kroon Meg Pehlke will look for design she had. Bergen Screening will charge \$17.00 for WSU logo for our 50th year. Suggestions: "and more in the future". Both??? Adding serving Yakima Valley. Mentioned cheaper if simple. Decision will be made at the Plant Sale meeting on January 18th. Give ideas!

NWFGS-Booth by Debra Kroon Northwest Flower & Garden Festival = Spring Vibes Only is coming up February 15-19, 2023 at the Seattle Convention Center. As a part of our 50th

anniversary Master Gardeners are sponsoring a booth. It needs staff to promote and answer questions. We think it might be four hour shifts hopefully with both east side and west side MG staffing. Any volunteers? There is a discount on hotels and volunteers get admission and parking on the day you volunteer. Let Debra know.

New Business

Give5 Get5 by Pat Bombard At the Central Washington State Fair I filled out a form for US Cellular for a chance at giving \$5000.00 to a non profit and getting \$5000.00 for me. I was informed that I won! I choose Master Gardeners of Yakima as my non profit. Gilbert and I have been filling out forms. They would like a photo opp. I would like to invite everyone that would like to come. It was agreed that once I heard date and time I would let John Strong know so that he could get that information out.

Black out sheets by John Strong John has black out sheets for the Red Barn but needs the material to be sown. Carol Barney volunteered.

Conclude Foundation Meeting 10:30-11:17

Master Gardener Program Meeting Team Updates & Reports**

Program Coordinator by Patty Ratzlaff YC Prog Meeting Dec. 2022
CURRICULUM: I have approved a 2 hour request for Youth work as part of the Basic Training requirements for Interns and will include it in the 2023 class syllabus for the Interns.

RECORDING VOLUNTEER HOURS

1) PLEASE type in what the name of the class was that you took and who the presenter who led it or the organization who offered it. I am required to verify Continuing Education by our guidelines, so I need information from you in order to do that.

2) We are having difficulty State wide with volunteers entering hours on a generic form in GivePulse. Please be sure you enter hours under

1) WSU and 2) Yakima County customized page.

If you are asked for a Verifier's name and contact info –STOP and get out of that page and start again.

SURVEY'S

Please complete your Reapplication survey as soon as possible. Email me and I will send you a link. I am catching up to those who have run into issues – I haven't forgotten you. That said – don't hesitate to reach out to check on how things are going.

Intern/Trainee Updates / Give Pulse Ken Tolonen / Julie Hunziker Report by Julie –

Nine have completed canvas and hours, three are going on the two year plan.

Diagnostic Clinic Margaret Morris Report by Ken Tolonen – Still tallying a lot of paperwork to finish. Still receiving some calls and samples.

Debra reported County still has funds for printing. She has six brochures updated of the most popular brochures with new WSU logo.

Youth Team Michele Murphy/Beatrice Reiss Report by Gini Obert reported on Juvenile justice group. Juveniles are on lock down. They volunteer to participate in the sessions. She has one to eight members per session. Gini is very proud of the group. The next meeting is next Monday. The report will be made in January. Beatrice reported 1300 youth reached this year.

Social Media Presence/Face Book Andrea Altmayer / Clinic Team No report

Writer's Guild, and Speakers Bureau Carol Barany Carol talked for a little bit then Pat Bombard, secretary, read an email from Claudia

Speaker's Bureau Claudia Steen Carol Barany

It has been a very successful year for the SB reaching over 371 members of the public. And that doesn't even count all the MGs who gave presentations at the Demonstration and Heirloom Gardens to the public. The co-leaders will turn in their reports to me so they can be logged into SB team information. And as always, these statistics will then be shared with Patty for the WSU Yearend report.

If any MGs were former teachers or just love to share their gardening expertise, we would be so thankful to have you join our amazing team. Keep in mind the mission of WSU is to present science-based gardening information to the public

Writer's Guild Claudia Steen Carol Barany

We are still trying to assure weekly gardening articles in the Yakima Herald with Carol doing the 'Lions Share' by writing articles twice a month under her own byline. Our WG team is sparse with only 3 of us contributing articles for the other 2-3 slots per month. They include Claudia, Diana and Phyllis with a couple coming from Sue Bird and an occasional MG. Of course, the other thing we get is free advertising for the MG program throughout the year. I just need MGs to let me know what items they want to announce so it can be put into the Sunday paper. Again, the plea goes out to any MGs who loves to research & write gardening articles and work from home to come and join our WG team.

Old Business

New Business

Good of the Order Conclude Program Meeting

(Time to charge to Give Pulse for this meeting Program til 11:38 for total time of 1 hour 15 minutes)

Next Meeting: January 11, 20223

**Programs on hold till Spring:

Demonstration Garden

Demonstration Garden Classes

Heirloom Garden & Classes

West Valley Food Garden

Farmer's Market