

February 2023 Foundation Meeting

**Master Gardener Foundation of Yakima County Meeting**



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Followed by Yakima County Master Gardener Program Meeting  
February 8, 2023 / 10:30 AM**

**Twenty-four members attended including board members : Melody Westmoreland-Past President, Debra Kroon – President, Gilbert Plascencia – Treasurer, Pat Bombard – Secretary, Dick Larson and Mike Wood – Members at Large, Also attending : Program Coordinator Patty Ratzlaff**

**Foundation Meeting Call to Order**

**Call for Additional Agenda Items**

**Opening Remarks Debra Kroon, President**

**Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2023 by Debra Kroon, President** No discussion, a couple of grammar missed spellings found and notes will be changed. Sally Mayo moved to except minutes with changes. Diana Berthon seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report (reports sent via email) by Gilbert Plascencia, Treasurer** – Points made were \$59, 120.00 Total Current Assets. Finally an increase in Vanguard! Deanna Husch moved to except report. Sally Mayo seconded. Motion carried.

**Greenhouse Lorie Harrison/Camille Smith/Skip Brockman** Waupaca Northwest Soil, in Parker, is being tried. Black aphids being found, please be careful of bringing in plants not dipped/sprayed. Heaters fixed! Sun screening to keep heat down.

**.Plant Sale Deanna Husch/Susie Walters**

**Plant Sale Meeting January 18 @2:30 at the Red Barn following class** – Deanna reminded us about the meeting after class on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Signs and shirt update.

**New Business:**

**AEC Education RFP by Debra Kroon** Proposals to talk at Conference being taken. Name of talk, focus of talk needed for approval.

**Mail Chimp** The email program we are using is changing. The charge will be \$40 a month (9\$39.95) or \$520 increase a year. \$15 for going over but John doesn't think we will.

**2023-2024 Foundation Elections Melody Westmoreland** – Elections are in April. Melody Westmoreland mentioned that she has asked to be on the agenda every month to encourage members to run for office. We need members to think about President and Secretary especially that need to be filled. It's hard to run our Foundation without those jobs. Gilbert has volunteered to run for Treasurer again. If you need to see job descriptions of any of the board member jobs let Melody know and she will send them to you. Debra volunteered to mentor anyone running for President (no matter how many!).

### Old Business:

**2023-2024 Foundation Elections by Melody Westmoreland** April coming quickly, fun part but serious part. Our Foundation can not run with officers. Please consider running. Let Melody know.

### Conclude Foundation Meeting (10:48)

### Master Gardener Program Meeting\*\* Team Updates & Reports

#### **Program Coordinator Patty Ratzlaff**

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50 th Year Celebration Resources are now available at

<https://mastergardener.wsu.edu/50th-resources/>

- 1) Name Badge replacement – please sign in for the type you would like. We have access to another vendor who creates a bit nicer badge but the price reflects that. The upgraded badges have rounded corners and are a bit heavier in quality and are \$15.50. Or you can order the older badges with square corners. These are 5.50 for the pin style or 6.50 for the magnet style.
- 2) NWFGF is next week! You can still get tickets online if you decide to attend. They have maps and the speaker schedule all online. Lucy Stevens will be working at the State Master Gardener Booth this year representing Yakima. Thank you Lucy!
- 3) I have an invitation from Kittitas County. Saturday, April 1 from 11:00 – 2:00 Kittitas County Master Gardeners are hosting a Spring Jitters event. The theme is 'Water' and there will be free refreshments, raffle tickets and prizes, a special speaker and various information tables. Once the flyers are complete, I will make them available.
- 4) Our 50 th Anniversary is here! Happy Anniversary 🎉🎉
  - a. The celebration we are invited to is May 20 in Prosser. I will be having a sign-up sheet next month to get an idea of how many people plan to attend from Yakima.
  - b. Prosser has a special printer and is making it available to the

attending counties to print images and information about their county for them. I am looking for someone who would like to take on this project. Please consider it, if it's up your alley of interest and let me know asap.

5) Staying Mission Driven is available to all. Please watch for the information and link to sign up in your Master Gardener weekly email.

### **GIVEPULSE UPDATE**

1) I have added the question: What was your class topic? Now we should have enough information from you not to have to add anything more than the required questions ask.

2) If needing to request volunteer hours to be recorded manually; please fill out the form for this in the back of the Orientation Handbook. You can also request a form from Patty via email at [patty.ratzlaff@wsu.edu](mailto:patty.ratzlaff@wsu.edu)

**Diagnostic Clinic Margaret Morris-** Clinic calls and emails being answered by one person per week. Next week interns will be worked with.

**Youth Team Michele Murphy/Sarah Judd** Mother's Day Baskets – March, would need a couple more volunteers. Washington STEAM project is being planned. Mentioned Naches MS and that Selah is planning to have field trip to Demo garden. Plans for Farmer's Market for May, June, and July, but need help for August, September, and October.

**Social Media Presence/Face Book Andrea Altmayer / Clinic Team – Report read by Margaret Morris from Andrea's email** Foundation Report on Facebook page – The weekly articles from the YHR generate some good comments/discussion from our readers but the number of views are down. I'm thinking that will increase once we are closer to garden season. The most recent post of a meteorological map of the US showing that Washington State would gain 80 minutes of daylight in the month of February was popular and had the most shares. We receive 2-3 messages/week from readers with a variety of questions (how to get seeds from seed library, when will our plant sale be held, garden design, etc.) that are forwarded to the appropriate people to be answered.

**Writer's Guild, and Speakers Bureau by Claudia Steen** - Claudia said basically the same as last month so look at last month's report. No new requests or presentations so far so far. Please join our teams!

### **Old Business**

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary May Open House at Prosser** See Patty's notes above.

### **New Business**

**Winter Awards Soup Line by Patty Ratzlaff/Carol Woodcock/Sally Simon**  
that day.

No classes

**Proclamation by Melody Westmoreland** Three years ago we went before the Yakima City and County with a Proclamation. Is there anyone who would like to work on one for our fifty year celebration? Contact Melody.

**National Master Gardener is March 20-26!**

**Good of the Order Conclude Program Meeting (11:11)**

(Time to charge to Give Pulse for this meeting 10:30 to 11:11= 41 minutes)

Next Meeting: March 8, 2023, at Red Barn

\*\*Programs on hold till Spring:

Demonstration Garden Demonstration Garden Classes, Heirloom Garden & Classes West Valley Food Garden, and Farmer's Market