

May 10, 2023 MGF Meeting Minutes

Foundation Meeting Call to Order 10:30AM

Call for Additional Agenda Items

Attendees: [29]

- Opening Remarks: Thanks to 2022 Board, Plant Sale 2023 a success. Dan Fortier, President
- Motion to Approve Minutes from April 12, 2023: Beatrice Reiss moved, 2= 2nd Melody Westmoreland Motion carried.
- Treasurer Report (reports sent via email from Gilbert Plascencia, Treasurer): M Motion to Approve: John Strong moved, 2nd Sheila Gunderson Motion carried.
- Greenhouses; Thanks from Deanna Husch (absent)

Old Business

- John Strong (Representative of WA State Board for Yakima County) restated his motion from April 12 to increase sponsorship to the State AEC conference by \$750, for a total of \$1500. Melody Westmoreland points out the \$9000 deficit from the 2023 Plant Sale. The group agrees to table it until we discuss budget in person with Treasurer Plascencia (absent) who is also Treasurer of the WA State Board.
- John Strong proposes two additional representatives of WA State Board for Yakima County: Motion submitted for Nominees 1) Janet Roberts and 2) Debra Kroon. Motion is seconded by Jenny Mansfield. Motion carried.

New Business

Dan Fortier presented the request from Prosser's MG 50th Anniversary Event to *contribute funds for the on May 20, 2023. Each participating county has been requested to contribute \$194.* Patty Ratzlaff elaborated the contribution will help cover costs for plants and prizes. Motion to approve from Debra Kroon. Motion is seconded Motion carried.

Conclude Foundation Meeting 10:48

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Master Gardener Program Meeting

Team Updates & Reports

Program Coordinator Patty Ratzlaff

- *Report on the 50th Anniversary Updates May 20th 1PM – 4PM in Prosser WA.* Tickets still available, she reserved 200 seats for Yakima County. John Strong is MC; a Magazine about the event will be available for \$16.99
- **Staying Mission Driven** Zoom call synopsis for WA State MG. These meetings are held on the 4th Thursday each month and provide CEUs for MG. Branding resources available for MG content creation.
- **MG State Conference: \$249 to sign up now; \$299 after July 1**

Give Pulse Julie Hunziker

- Up to date as of 05/09/23. Don't use the App – we cannot enter start and end times
- Please enter Plant Sale Time ASAP and provide details
- Give Pulse Training 05/30/23 Wednesday at 1030 AM Extension office.
- A lot of time invested in this activity, let Patty know if you are interested in being trained to help Julie. Person must be committed and participate in Training.

Diagnostic Clinic Margaret Morris

- We need more Veterans to volunteer. Only 15 of 40 Hrs are filled, but improving
- Interns need to sign up for their hours.

Farmer's Market Ken Tolonen

- Starts Sunday May 14, 2023 9AM through 10/22/23
 - Capitol Theatre site for now, move to Track 29 site next month
- Ken & Margaret set up, need more volunteers.
 - Sign up online
- Youth Team Michele Murphy notes:

Veggie give away - Suzann transplanted 500 tomato and pepper starts and will be distributing them at the Buena library on May 18th! If you're available to help please contact Suzann asap. **Arborfest** - Youth partnered with 4H for a huge success! The seed bombs were well received; estimated contacts at the table were 810 youth and 440 adults! Thank you to our volunteers, and to Jenny Loyd for putting everything together.

Downtown Yakima Farmers Market - We still need at least one helper for June 26, hours are 900am - 100pm. Please contact Michelle eriganzzz@gmail.com or Sarah sahrjudd01@charter.net if interested. **Naches Middle School STEM** - The seed bombs were a success, and the turn out was higher than expected. **Selah Middle School** - The staff and students are fully engaged and the progress is amazing. We hope to share a presentation the students are putting together. **Selah STEP** - Scheduled for a field trip to Demonstration Garden on June 1 for a tour and flower pressing. Thank you to Diana for donating the wood for the presses! **Washington Middle School STEM** - Everyone enjoyed the seed bomb project, and we hope to partner with the teacher again.

Garden Reports:

- Demonstration Angela Galbraith
 - Skip Brockman celebrated his 80th birthday.
 - The WSU Alumni Magazine visit went well. Diana Pieti and Skip Brockman were interviewed. The Magazine team also went to the WVFG with John Strong & Camille Smith. It will be published in August 23
- Heirloom Debra Kroon
 - Garden needs help
- WVFG John Strong
 - 100 plants to go in at 1300 today
- Kamiakin Gardens Debra Kroon
 - Debra Byrd and Rosebud Guthrie are leads. The first Workday is 05/15/23 Monday at 8AM 1020 Fort Rd in Toppenish. The Team purchased \$1000 of plants at the plant sale.
 - Take a change of shoes as the surrounding grounds have goathead invasion
- Classes
 - First class is May 13th with Patty Ferguson. Ten classes throughout the season
- Social Media Presence/Face Book Andrea Altmayer (absent)
- Photo Library Janet Roberts
 - Please send "Actual size" photos of 1 MGB or greater.
 - Get a photo release for any non MG members who can be identified
- Writers Guild and Speakers Bureau Claudia Steen – See attached Report
Columbines – Writers Guild Kelsi Potterf wrote an article on Meadowsclaping that will appear in the newspaper on 5-21 which is timely as she give a presentation in the Demonstration Garden Class on 5-27. So hopefully that will encourage the public to attend. Carol and Claudia so appreciate MRs and individuals who help the MG program and work in agriculture, stepping up to help write our MG columns. Remember our primary WSU MG mission is to share gardening information with the public

Carol Barany and Claudia are writing columns. Timely articles needed. Claudia suggested announcements for MG be published in papers, as well as clinic reminders

Speakers Bureau Carol and Claudia have had a few requests for MG speakers to give gardening presentations. Carol has already given one presentation. Claudia will be giving a vegetable gardening presentation on May 13 at 11 AM at the LDS Church on Englewood. Just to let the few SB team members know that Carol and I will both be going on European vacations and will need the help of our team if requests come into the clinic. Claudia will be gone from May 18 until June 5 on a Rhine, Moselle Rive boat trip from Switzerland to Amsterdam. Carol will be gone for two weeks on the Danube River. Yay. Again, the team is short of members so please contact us if you are interested in joining our team. We love sharing our science base gardening information with the public.

- o Gini Obert is teaching a class at the Chuck Austin's Veterans Housing on vegetable gardening on May 11, 2023 at Noon. Debra Kroon will be supporting her and bringing all the vegetables and other plants that MGs donated.

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Program Meeting Concludes 11:34 AM

Give Pulse Time = 1 hr.

Next Meeting June 14, 2023 at Red Barn at 10:30 AM

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