

November 8, 2023 MGF Meeting Minutes

Foundation Meeting Call to Order 10:30 AM

Call for Additional Agenda Items

Attendees: [31] plus Patty Ratzlaff

- Motion to Approve Minutes from October 11, 2023. Sally Mayo: motion to approve. John Strong = 2nd. Motion carried.

Old Business

New Business

Treasurer Gilbert Plascencia provided the Budget Report.

- \$87,000 cash. Expect to see \$8K expense from the Green house project in 4 weeks
- Motion to Approve Treasurers Report Gini Obert 2= Sally Mayo Motion carried
- Budget Planning Meetings for 2024 are scheduled for November 15-16. Team Leaders Requested to attend
- Patty R. discussed the Background check process and who pays for them. She suggests the Foundation pay for them going forward, as they are not WSU approved She recommends the Program pay for the TriFold handouts going forward and the Foundation pay for background checks going forward. Veterans are resubmitted every three years. They are \$15.50 each, due in January. A motion to amend the Budget to pay for background checks was approved by Debra Kroon 2= Sally Mayo. Motion Carried
- President Dan Fortier opened a discussion about Membership in the Foundation. Records are incomplete due to circumstances beyond control. WA State Law does not allow membership without explicit agreement. Membership in the Foundation is different than membership in the Program. There are no dues or fees. Only Foundation members may vote on Foundation motions and updates.
 - Debra Kroon, John Strong, Sheila Gunderson and others discussed the application and roster maintenance processes. Patty R expressed concerns about roster maintenance.
 - Motions and amendments were made, but not carried.
 - Janet Jones moved to table the discussion and Camille Smith seconded it. Motion carried.
- Rick Russell provided an update to the Strategic Planning Process. 16-17 people attended the 11/03 SPC meeting at the Extension office.
 - Attached please find the meeting minutes/report
 - An MGF Board Meeting will be held via Zoom on November 20, 2023 to vote on the Strategic Plan next steps.

Master Gardener Program Meeting 1115 AM

Team Updates & Reports

Program Coordinator Patty Ratzlaff

- Patty states we can expect 14 interns for 2024
- Reapplications for Membership in Month of November. 62 of 122 members have re-enrolled.
 - Kelli Barton was the winner of a drawing.
- 11/15/23 @ 11:30 will be a Mentors meeting. They will interview applicants
 - a few more Mentors needed. Let Patty know if interested
- 11/30/23 9:30-12 Leadership Connect Activity at WSU extension
 - Brain Colors Personality test to help Leaders understand leadership styles and tips for team building with be shared

- Email Patty if interested in attending
- Green House Lori Harrison and Deanna Husch
- Table has been rebuilt thanks to wonderful volunteers
 - Moving forward with energy saving TEXTILE PRODUCED BY LUDVIG SVENSSON,

Social Media Presence/Face Book Andrea Altmayer/Clinic Team 2800 followers,
 26 shares, 1000 views, 342 engagements

Photo Library Andrea Altmayer/Janet Roberts > request for 5
 photos each member for 2023 to Andrea for review. Email 1-2 at a time

Writer's Guild and Speakers Bureau Claudia Steen We need more contributors.
 Please submit timely articles 700-750 words + pictures. We have a donation of unique printed materials from Dr. Robert Dally's estate - Department of Ag. These will be on the free table at the Ahtanum Youth Barn with the caveat they have not been vetted by WSU. Some will be donated to Class Attendees and the public

Give Pulse Julie Hunziker After many months of service
 verifying Impacts, Julie is resigning and turning over the reigns to Patty Ratzlaff, as part of the Coordinator job. A heartfelt thanks to Julie for all of her dedicated work. This is not a job for one person, and she tutored Andrea Altmayer in the process, to assist Patty. The site was updated again a few months ago. She is seeing fewer errors, smoother verifications. She encourages us to add our Reflections.

Diagnostic Clinic On Hold for Season
 Farmer's Market On Hold for Season
 Youth Team Michele Murphy

Summitview Elementary and Selah Middle School are active. Ginni Obert is looking for volunteers for an all day commitment

- Garden Reports:
- * Demonstration On Hold for Season
 - * Heirloom On Hold for Season
 - * WVFG Camille Smith reports 3480# donated
 - * Kamiakin Gardens On Hold for Season
 - * Wapato Community Garden Update On Hold for Season

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 Meeting Concludes 1145 PM
 Give Pulse Time = 1.25 hrs
Next Meeting December 13, 2023 at Red Barn at 10:30 AM

