

# December 10, 2023 MGF Meeting Minutes

## Foundation Meeting Call to Order 10:30 AM

### Call for Additional Agenda Items

#### Attendees: [27]

- Motion to Approve Minutes from November 8, 2023: Julie Hunziker clarified she is not resigning from role as Give Pulse team member (erroneously recorded at November meeting. Patty Ratzlaff is the coordinator for Give Pulse and Julie is backup. Motion carried by all to approve Minutes minus that.

### Old Business

- Treasurer Gilbert Plascencia provided the Budget Report.
  - Robust Discussion followed about shortfalls, deficits and balancing the budget.
  - Motion to Approve Treasurers Report John Strong moved 2= Beatrice Reiss. Motion carried
- Rick Russell provided an update to the Strategic Planning Report.
  - The Committee of 15-16 people unanimously approved the Report
  - The candidate, Curt Guaglianone, Ed.D., is well-qualified to help the MGF and declines compensation
  - The Board recommended a motion to seek approval from Membership to proceed with process, and pursue the Strategic Plan. The goal will be to complete the plan by April or May 2024.
  - Melody Westmoreland makes the motion to move forward with the Strategic Plan. Gini Obert and Julie Hunziker second. Foundation members approved. Motion carries
- Sheila Gunderson had a report on the Volunteer of the Year committee
- President Dan Fortier requested Secretary Janet Jones provide updates on the Foundation Membership process. Blank Application forms were brought in and requested to be completed. Many complete forms have been received. Janet requests all forms be turned in by January 1, 2024.
  - Janet will work with Patty R to get an updated MG Roster for 2024 and add the updated list of MGF members to it ahead of January MGF meeting
  - All MGF membership forms and materials will be stored in the Extension Office going forward, to prevent issues of access.
- New Business

- The Interns and Mentors have a luncheon on Jan 10 at the WSU Extension office
- Jan. 10 and the Feb. 14 Foundation/Program meetings will be held at the Extension (Patty reserved it awhile back with Dan's approval). The remainder of the year will be at the Red Barn.
- Jan 10 - we have Orientation Luncheon following for Mentors and Interns in that room.
- Feb. 14 - Since the Extension conference room has internet access, it's an opportunity for John to show the Foundation website and how to navigate it. Also we have opportunity to provide the 12:00 Zoom class presentation following the meeting for anyone wanting to stay. That is our first Zoom class monthly meeting.
- Debra Kroon announced she will form a nominations committee.

### **Master Gardener Program Meeting 1120 AM**

#### **Team Updates & Reports**

**Program Coordinator** Patty Ratzlaff is ill and not present today

John Strong reports on her behalf that we have a solid line-up of Speakers at the Red Barn for 2024.

We will trial Zoom meetings with Kittitas & Yakima Counties via Zoom. Encourage younger demographic and fellowship with Kittitas. January & February meetings will be held in the Extension Office due to lack of heat in the Red Barn.

Green House

Lori Harrison and Deanna Husch

Moving forward with energy saving TEXTILE PRODUCED BY LUDVIG SVENSSON,

Social Media Presence/Face Book

Andrea Altmayer/Clinic Team

2087 followers – Art Team attracts most views

Photo Library

Andrea Altmayer/Janet Roberts

Writer's Guild and Speakers Bureau

Claudia Steen

We need more contributors. We have had to turn down opportunities at the Fair and other important venues. Mileage reimbursement is not provided.

Give Pulse

Julie Hunziker

She encourages us to complete 2023 entries ASAP

Diagnostic Clinic

On Hold for Season

Farmer's Market

On Hold for Season

Youth Team

Michele Murphy stepping down as Lead – looking for another volunteer

Garden Reports:

- o Demonstration On Hold for Season
- o Heirloom On Hold for Season
- o WVFG On Hold for Season
- o Kamiakin Gardens On Hold for Season
- o Wapato Community Garden Update On Hold for Season

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Meeting Concludes 1142 AM

Give Pulse Time = 1.25 hrs

**Next Meeting** Jan 10 Foundation meeting is at the WSU Extension Office 10:30 AM

