

# January 10, 2024 MGF Meeting Minutes

**Foundation Meeting Call to Order** 10:30 AM at the WSU Extension Office

## **Call for Additional Agenda Items**

**Attendees:** [37] plus Patty Ratzlaff

- Motion to Approve Minutes from December 10 ,2023: Motion to approve: Gini Obert, 2<sup>nd</sup> = Beatrice Reiss; carried by all to approve Minutes

## **Old Business**

- Treasurer Gilbert Plascencia provided the Budget Report, including Year End Budget
  - Discussion followed about shortfalls, deficits and balancing the budget.
  - Fiscal health is very good.
  - Gilbert requests we track and report our non-cash items Donated
  - Motion to Approve Treasurers Report Deanna Husch moved 2= Jenny Mansfield Motion carried
- 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 Interns and Mentors have a luncheon on Jan 10 at the WSU Extension office.
  - The remainder of the year will be at the Red Barn.
  - 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
- Rick Russell provided an update to the 5 Year Strategic Planning Committee.
  - Rick and Dan have secured a room at the Yakima Arboretum on Fridays 02/02 and 03/01 1-4 PM. And Saturdays 0203 and 0302 from 9AM – 12N. Janet Jones will record minutes for the Saturday meetings. Rick is seeking a volunteer for the Friday meetings.
  - 100 seats are provide in the room, as well as an easel and White Board.
  - Bring your own snacks and drinks
  - The Facilitator Curt Guaglianone, Ed.D., is well-qualified to help the MGF and declines compensation
- Sheila Gunderson had a report on the Volunteer of the Year committee, She is looking for more nominations for candidates
- Debra Kroon reports all positions for Foundation leadership are open. At this time we know that President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer positions are not repeating. Debra invited members to join the nomination committee
- Secretary Janet Jones provided updates on the Foundation Membership process. Gilbert put the finishing touches on MGF Roster/Sign in sheets. Blank Application forms were provided for any members who wish to join. Deadline for all forms was extended to January 18, 2024.
  - All MGF membership forms and materials are now stored in the Extension Office going forward, to prevent issues of access.
  - Patty R has provided space in a file cabinet in her office. As of this date, there are 3 MGF binders there.
  - Secretary will add any remaining MGF applications, update the Roster/Sign -in Sheet for Meetings, and store them in the MGF Binders at the Extension Office.
- **New Business**

- Debra Kroon organized and Dick Larson provided Parking Passes for Ahtanum Park for 2024 Season
- January 17, 2024 ID pictures will be taken at the Red Barn
- Awards Banquet will be last week in February at the Red Bar 02/21/24

MGF meeting closed 1100

**Master Gardener Program Meeting 1105 AM**

**Team Updates & Reports**

**Program Coordinator** Patty Ratzlaff

- 2024 Interns: We have 19 interns this year – they have been provided specially colored yellow badges to distinguish them
- Leadership Volunteer positions are in flux as the Teams get sorted out
- Patty provided a Demo of the State website – [mastergardener.wsu.edu](http://mastergardener.wsu.edu) – and encouraged us all to explore it, and the volunteer information of the side bar. There are resources help us be better volunteers – play around on the site.
- Barbara Schmitt is a transfer from Island County MG – welcome Barbara!
- Melody W raised questions about vetting unknown volunteers who just show up at events
- Melody W passed around sign up sheets for snacks at Red Barn meetings and Soups for Awards Banquet

**Green House**

**Lori Harrison and Deanna Husch**

- Moving forward with energy saving TEXTILE PRODUCED BY LUDVIG SVENSSON, expected to have been installed 01/11/24
- Plant Sale Groups will meet January 17 after class

**Social Media Presence/Face Book**

**Andrea Altmayer/Clinic Team**

**Photo Library**

**Andrea Altmayer/Janet Roberts**

- Please send in 4 photos for a 2023 Year in Reflection Photo Montage

**Writer's Guild and Speakers Bureau**

**Claudia Steen**

- 72 public impacts, 8 presenters
- Beginning Feb 24, YHR will cease home delivery.

**Give Pulse**

**Julie Hunziker**

- 12,700 hours for 2023, nearly 13,000 hours.
- Julie will help Interns and Mentors

**Diagnostic Clinic**

**On Hold for Season**

**Farmer's Market**

**On Hold for Season**

**Youth Team**

**Michele Murphy**

- Need help with verification process

**Garden Reports:** Demonstration/ Heirloom/ WVFG/ Kamiakin Gardens/Wapato Community Garden  
On Hold for Season

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Meeting Concludes 1130 AM Give Pulse Time = 1.00 hrs

**Next Meeting** February 14 Foundation meeting is at the WSU Extension Office 10:30 AM

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