

Josephine County OSU Master Gardener

Unofficial General Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2018

Judy Anzalone	Mike Anzalone	Wanda Babcock	Barry Burnsides*
Bryan Coulter	John Etchells*	Pat Etchells*	Joan Foley*
Lynne Hon	Barbara Jackson	Barbara Larson	Sybil Longinotti*
Cindy Low*	Cherrie Lynch	Judi Maxwell	Phylis McIntosh*
Jim McManus	Karen Paxton	Evie Perry	Linda Price
Nancy Pyle	Art Reel	Ruth Reel*	Breezy Schallheim*
Mark Schallheim*	Steve Schoen	Hank Smith*	
Guy Young	Pam Zaklan*	Mike Zerwer*	

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Pam Zaklan led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 2017 minutes were approved as written.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pam Zaklan announced that Master Gardeners may now log Continuing Education hours for the time spent attending a Grants Pass Garden Club approved speaker-led presentation. Presentations are usually 30 – 45 minutes and if the Hug-A-Bug group is speaking, their presentation is 15 minutes, giving you a total of one hour Continuing Education time.
- Ruth Reel let everyone know that the Plant Clinic needs one more Master Gardener veteran to work today from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Master Gardener Coordinator – vacant

- Training for new students will begin January 11, 2018, 8:30 a.m–4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided for trainees the first day. Mark and Breezy will coordinate the food. Please bring your dish any time before lunch. If you come during class time, use the Friends entrance to the kitchen.
- There were five applicants for the vacant Master Gardener Coordinator position. Four have been asked to participate in a video interview. The candidates selected from the video interview will meet with the OSU staff and the interview team on scheduled days to undergo face to face interviews. Each candidate will also demonstrate his/her knowledge and skills by interacting with small farmers, giving advice, and making a presentation to Master Gardeners on a given topic. Master Gardeners are welcome to attend the presentation. Dates and times TBA.
- **1st VP report – Mark Schallheim**
- A meeting was held December 14, 2017 at the OSU auditorium to set a tentative agenda for next year's social events and tours.

- There will be a no-host happy hour after Master Gardener training on January 18, February 8, March 1 and 29 at Spurlocks, 202 Redwood Hwy, Ste C, Grants Pass, from 4:15 – 6:00. This will give the new trainees and veteran Master Gardeners a chance to get to know each other in a non-classroom setting.
- Movie night is January 27, 2018, 5:00 – 9:00. **Greenfingers** will be shown and there will be a soup and salad potluck. Please notify Mark if you plan to attend and/or bring food.
- Bingo is February 24, 2018 at the OSU Extension auditorium from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There will be a potluck taco bar.
- A chili cook-off is scheduled for March 24, 2018. Time and place to be determined. Notify Mark if you can host this event.
- Mark thanked Pat and John Etchells for hosting the Christmas party and Carol Graper for providing most of the decorations.

2nd VP report – Phylis McIntosh

- No report.

Secretary's Report – Cindy Low

- No report.

Treasurer's – John Etchells

- As of December 29, 2017, total assets were \$37,611.22. Total income from December 1 - 29, 2017 was \$570.00 and expenses were \$5,135.57. For all of 2017, income was \$26,570 and expenses were \$29,625. The Demonstration Gardens expense was \$1011. Overall, the shortfall was \$4,066 for the year.
- Reminder - While shopping at the Grange Co-Op or using the Fred Meyer Reward Programs, don't forget to have them credit your purchases to Josephine County Master Gardeners. Also, if you shop using Amazon on-line, please go to Amazon Smiles and select Master Gardener Association - Grants Pass as a charity. Then every purchase you make will be credited to us. Amazon is a company that makes charitable donations based upon the percentage of Smile sales from an organization. This is similar to the Fred Meyer Reward Program.
- When you have bills for payment, please be sure to complete an Authorization for Payment/Reimbursement Form and have it signed by the committee head or officer responsible for the item. Failure to do so will delay payment of your expenses.
- John Etchells made a motion to remove Terry Ruitter from the Master Gardener bank account and add Pam Zaklan. Ruth Reel seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

New Projects – Sybil Longinotti and Joan Seward

- Judi Maxwell's Oregon Bee Atlas project was approved.

Seeds to Supper – Breezy Schallheim

- There will be a meeting on January 22, 2018 to organize the upcoming classes, which will be held in March and April.

Mentors – Joan Foley

- 2018 Master Gardener class begins January 11, 2018. There are 30 students and six mentors. Joan Foley will oversee the mentors and fill in if needed.

Seeds of Spring – Terry Ruiter

- Seeds of Spring is scheduled to be held March 17, 2018 at Rogue Community College. You can check their website for more information. Online registration begins January 16, 2018. The cost this year is \$30 and lunch is available for \$10.
- There are 34 classes currently scheduled. The deadline for adding any additional classes is Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

Greenhouse Managers – David Coon, John Etchells, Pat Etchells, Terry Ruiter

- Greenhouse operations will begin Friday, January 12, 2018, the day after the first Master Gardener class.
- The seeds have arrived and soil will be delivered prior to January 12th. There will be a meeting January 5, 2018 to review the schedules and a work party will be on January 8, 2018.
- John mentioned that there were a lot of dirty pots that need washing. A suggestion was to have the trainees take that task to earn volunteer hours.

Perennials – Joan Foley

- The Perennial greenhouse will open January 30, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. If you bring a plant for the greenhouse, please be sure to label it.
- Please do not bring in chrysanthemums or iris unless they are a specialty variety.
- John Etchells asked if the trainees could work on Perennial Tuesday and would those hours count toward their volunteer hours. Pam Zaklan will check on this.

Trees – Mark Schallheim

- The sump drain needs to be finished. There will be a work party on Friday, January 5th at 10:00 a.m. Let Mark know if you will attend.

Spring Garden Fair – Sybil Longinotti, Mike Zerwer

- The vendors will be moved to a new location because of the Demonstration Gardens.

- The next meeting has not been scheduled yet.

OMGA State Representative – Candace Bartow

- No report

Plant Clinic – Wilma Christian

- No report.

Insect Working Group (IWG) – Judi Maxwell

- The IWG has been cleaning up the lab and organizing a large bee donation.
- The Rain beetle collecting is on-going. Phylis McIntosh boxed and shipped live specimens to Chris Marshall, who specializes in these beetles and works at OSU.
- Specialized training for the Bee Atlas Project was held in December. Oregon is only the second state to have this project, which has been on-going for five years. The IWG will be part of this project and will go back to the same collection sites once or twice a month to trap, identify and report their findings for the project. The purpose of this project is to look for trends in the bee population in Oregon.
- Hug-A-Bug is a 10-15 minute presentation that is given at the Grants Pass Garden Club. Check with Cherrie Lynch for dates.
- Please let Judi Maxwell or a member of the IWG know if you find any bumble bees in your yard. There is a concern that the warm weather will bring them out, with no food supply available.
- Linda Austin, who has learned to photograph an insect close-up using her iPhone, will teach a class at Seeds of Spring. Judi urged everyone to attend this class.

K-12 Program – Charlotte Hutt

- No report.

Young Master Gardeners – Sayaka Lean/Barry Burnsides

- The January 10, 2018 session is on indoor gardening and hydroponics. Also, each child attending will receive a basil plant to take home and grow hydroponically. Plants Without Seeds is the February topic. Let Barry know if you are interested in working with this group.
- There will be a hydroponic workshop February 10, 2018, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the OSU Extension auditorium. The cost is \$85 to cover materials. Registration?

Newsletter Editor – Ruth Reel

- Submit any articles to Ruth no later than the 20th of the month.

- When you pay your 2018 dues, please be sure to include the information sheet that is in the January newsletter, this helps Ruth confirm that she has correct contact information.

Publicity – Jeana Schorr

- No report.

Communications – John Etchells

- John has had no problems getting emails out to the Master Gardeners.

IT – Steve Schoen

- Steve is available if you are having computer problems when you work in the plant clinic. Sharon and Nobelee have his phone number. Joan Foley asked if it is possible to get a mouse for the laptop in the Plant Clinic. Steve responded yes, he will buy one.

Hospitality – Mark/Breezy Schallheim

- Mark again reminded everyone to bring lunch/snacks for the first day of Master Gardener training, January 11, 2018.

Historian – Nancy Pyle/Linda Price

- Nancy and Linda have finished reviewing 2012 at the Courier archives. They will soon start working on the material that is stored in the OSU Extension attic.
- If you submit a photograph, please be sure to list who is in the photo, where it was taken and when.

Webmaster – Pat Etchells

- Pat reported that the Master Gardener pictures are now stored in a puppy-safe place.

County Fair – Pam Zaklan

- Pam asked what her budget is for the County Fair; \$1000 per John Etchells.

Growers Market – Hank Smith

- No report.

Garden Club – Cherrie Lynch

- The next meeting will be January 3, 2018, 12:00 p.m. at the Fruitdale Grange. Phil Damewood will speak at 1:30 on fruit tree pruning. If you attend his presentation, you will get Continuing Education time.
- Cherrie let everyone know that if you attended the November 2017 meeting and heard the pollinator and Hug-A-Bug presentations, you can also get 45 minutes Continuing Education time.

Rose Society – Mike Zerwer

- The next meeting is January 21, 2018, 2:00 p.m. at the Our Lady of the River church in Rogue River.

Old Business

- Demonstration Garden Update – Phylis McIntosh – Wood has been purchased to build the raised beds. There will be a work party (date TBD) to clean around the grape vines and put down mulch.
- Diane Wickstrom will be collecting native plants from Master Gardeners that live in rural areas. These will be used in the Demonstration Garden. Soil will be available to fill containers used to transport the plants.
- The irrigation system is completed with the exception of the timer.

New Business

- Master Gardeners received an invitation to host a table at the 16th Annual Siskiyou Film Festival, February 10, 2018 at the Grants Pass High School. More information is needed and Mark Schallheim will work on this.
- John Ferris brought in a variety bulbs for us to sell. The first sale will take place during the first day of Master Gardener class, January 11, 2018.

Next meeting

February 6, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Adjourn: 10:48 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Cindy Low

Subject to approval by the Board of Directors

*Voting Board Member

+Non-Voting Board Member

