**Central Gorge Master Gardener**™ **Association**

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Held via Zoom on Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 12, 2024, virtual or in person

**Attendees:** Black, Jim; Bosler, Eric; Bosler, Shari; Bradley, Christie; Dameier, Margo; Harty, Jen; Hogie, Leanne; Rousseau, Sandi; Stevens, John; Wickersham, Megan; Willett, Tracy; Willis, Joanne; Winfield, Bill

**Secretary’s Report** (Christie): Changes to the April minutes have been incorporated. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report** (Joanne): Joanne sent out the Treasurer’s report. She found another Quickbooks report that shows transactions well, so she sent that version. The Intel Benevity check was received.

There was a financial audit yesterday. Each month, all the reconciliation will be in one folder. The audits can be done in an easier manner by doing it a month or two at a time. There will still be an end of year report.

Tracy and Joanne are working on the FISH reconciliation, as Mary C is out temporarily.

The treasurer’s report was approved.

**Coordinator’s Report** (Megan): Megan’s computer is still not working. She has a loaner laptop. The OSU plant clinic computer is also having issues.

**OMGA Report** (Eric): Eric sent the OMGA report. Eric is participating in a round table with OMGA on plant sales. They are looking at how the various groups do their plant sales. Eric noted that, if anyone is going to *Joy of Gardening* who has worked more with the plant sale, they could attend the forum instead of Eric.

Megan will be at Joy of Gardening and will be doing some networking while she participates.

We have not sent anyone via the *Send a Friend* in the last couple of years. We have done our own scholarships.

## Committee Reports

**Learning Garden** (Sandi): Sandi sent in the application for Karl Carlson.

**Pollinator Garden** (Jen for Sandy): The pollinator group met last week. They have a concern that the pollinator garden does not get enough sunshine in one area. They are going to ask MCAREC if the fence can be altered to allow more sunlight and to improve the view.

The pollinator garden itself needs to be a bit less “tidy” to facilitate pollinators. They could duplicate some of the *Hegewald Garden* signage about the necessity of having things like rocks and tall grass and other things that offer habitat for pollinators. Not everyone can use a QR code, so they need signs, as well. The wind needs to be considered in the process.

**Plant Sale** (Sandi): The plant sale is this weekend. Sign-ups are good. Sandi will be stepping down as the leader of the plant sale. She has ideas about how to get the different groups more independent. There will be a follow-up debriefing meeting with everyone invited on Tuesday, May 28 at 3pm.

Jen is looking for a portable PA system to use at the plant sale. Jim has one she can use.

**Outreach Team** (Jen): Dennis’ rodent class was well attended and well received.

The second Saturday in June will be weed prevention presentations.

Megan ordered a smaller canopy for events.

One of the picnic tables will be moved to the Plant Sale area for the “kids corner”.

**Wy’East Vista Raised Bed Project** (Megan): This event went really well. Monday will be the seed planting day. The plant sale will be donating some plants for the residents. FCS, through Extension, coordinated this as a joint event with the Housing Authority and other groups. This might be a bi-yearly event in Hood River and The Dalles. Margo offered to work with them on publicity, if needed.

**Publicity** (Margo): The plant sale publicity is in place and scheduled to run. They will be focusing on the four project gardens through the summer and fall. Margo would like garden leaders to send her photos and information about the gardens.

There are some changes in the social media crew and everyone is excited to get started.

There is a tip of the week posted on Facebook and Instagram.

At the workshops when people are asked where they heard about the events, most say Facebook.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

Meeting minutes taken by Christie Bradley