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

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Held via Zoom and in person Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 14, 2024, virtual or in person

**Attendees** Bosler, Shari; Corl, Mary; Dameier, Margo; DesRochers, Donna; Harty, Jen; Hogie, Leanne; Rousseau, Sandi; Spezia, Barbara; Stevens, John; Wickersham, Megan; Willett, Tracy; Willis, Joanne; Winfield, Bill

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

**Treasurer’s Report** (Joanne): Joanne sent out the Treasurer’s report. No changes or comments were made. The treasurer’s report was approved.

**Coordinator’s Report** (Megan): Megan will be gone on July 11-13 and 23-24. Jen will answer any Master Gardeners questions. After July, the OSU Zoom account will not be available due to security issues, and individuals who want a Zoom account will need to apply separately. Megan can send the information to any MG who would like to sign up. There have been some unknown attendees signed in. Megan may create a “Waiting Room” to screen attendees. Access for EC meetings will remain the same with a link.

Plant clinics have been slow.

Hood River County Fair is July 23-27. Jessica Garcia has volunteered to set up a display. Since Megan will be gone, a coordinator is needed. There are 12 slots open for 3 hours shifts: 12pm - 3pm and 3pm - 6pm on July 25-27. CGMGA will purchase bracelets for volunteers that can be picked up at the office.

Hood River Heights Garden Tour is September 7 from 9am to 1pm. Volunteers are needed to tour potential gardens. The area is from Ace Hardware north to Pine St. So far six gardens have applied. We would welcome more garden applications.

**Publicity** (Margo): Link Tree and a new CGMGA website is getting set up for use. There will be a monthly fee for Link Tree that will be paid automatically with a credit card. Instagram has a place to set up a Link Tree code that can forward people to our website. Kaeley, Megan and Jen are working on the website.

Fish Garden Kids Corner was not as successful as planned on the publicity side. Link Tree may be a solution. It was noted that many families already have the summer schedule planned in March so let’s try again in the fall. Ideas will be explored further on how to target and provide education for young people.

**Educational Outreach** Possible events to attend are Latinos Outreach on Sept 15 3pm-5pm and Streets Alive.

Pop Up tents were purchased and now need a logo. Summit can not do it.

**Plant Sale** (Jen) The on-line plant sale has been discontinued by a vote of 5-2 of the executive committee. A call will be sent out for a person/persons to take over the plant sale. Sandi has thoughts on how to re-organize the project and will send them to Jen.

**Outreach Team** (Jen) July is Water Wise Workshop; August is Fall planting; September is Seed Saving; October is Tool Sharpening at the Extension office. To date 127 emails have been gathered at these sessions with a goal of 250. Volunteers and photos are always welcome.

**Memorial Team**  (Shari)Jen recently asked Shari to put together a committee to set up a way to memorialize members that have passed away. Shari has reached out to Paul Casal. One idea is a tree with leaves that can be engraved. The EC thought this was a nice idea to pursue. The location considered is the inside far right wall of the entrance at the office. No decision has been made. Bill volunteered to join Shari, Sandi and Barbara. Shari will contact Paul to see if we can set up a meeting and discuss this further in person.

**Vacant Positions** (Jen)Per the By-Laws, the executive committee can appoint an interim person to fill a vacant position until the next Fall meeting, which is in four months. It was approved that Donna DesRochers be appointed Secretary for the remainder of the term.

The Vice President Elect position search is ongoing.

The Sunshine Committee is also looking for someone to take charge of sending cards, etc to people who are experiencing a life changing event. A budget line item is available.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 am.

Meeting minutes taken by Donna DesRochers