

**Central Gorge Master Gardener™ Association**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Held on Zoom on Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 2026

**Attendees:** Anne Gehrig, Bill Winfield, Buzz Umphlet, Cheryl McKay, Donna DesRochers, Eric Bosler, Jen Harty, Jen Munroe, Joanne Willis, John Stevens, Margo Dameier, Megan Wickersham, Sandi Rousseau, Shari Bosler

Jen M called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**Secretary's Minutes** (Donna) The minutes were approved with no corrections.

**Treasurer's Report** (Joanne) The report was approved as submitted. Credit cards have been cancelled with one final statement coming. Debit cards have been issued to Joanne Willis and Jen Harty. **Motion was approved to add Jennifer Harty as signatory on bank accounts in addition to the current two signatories: Joanne Willis and John Stevens.** All three signatories must meet at the bank to complete the process of adding Jen H.

**Tool Lending Library** (Anne) **Motion was approved to allocate up to \$300 for tool purchases** from budget line item Community Outreach. Items needed include bow rake, soil aerator, compost thermometer, steel tamper, and soil sample core probes. Jen H noted that she purchased these same tools last year. Anne will verify which tools are still needed with Mo Buford at the HRC library. Also she will check on the standard length of time tools are checked out. Megan will send Anne her recommendation for a soil sample core probe. A decision was made to add CGMGA stickers to tool containers for better visibility. Anne will continue as the point person.

**Seed to Supper** (Anne) An OMGA grant of \$500 was allocated for this project plus there is also \$400 in CGMGA budgeted funds. The group is considering incentive giveaways which would include pots, gardening gloves, and gift card drawing to encourage repeat attendance.

**Outdoor Learning Center** (Sandi) Construction has started and the workers are dismantling the pavers and initial pathway. There is also Bobcat equipment on site. **It was approved to submit a Karl Carlson grant** again this year and it will be submitted closer to the May 15th deadline.

**Native Plant Workshop** Garden Gathering had an excellent turnout of 27 people, half Master Gardeners and half community members. There will be a repeat session on Saturday at the Extension Office.

**Community Class Fundraiser for FISH** \$350 in donations was collected on line and \$80 at the class. John will send a check to FISH for \$860. It was decided to close the online donation link at this time and can be opened again as needed. Due to

ownership changes at Ferment Brewery and scheduling conflicts, we need to confirm if the event will happen in the future or not at all.

**25th Anniversary Celebration** (Margo) **It was approved to form an ad hoc committee for this event.** Margo and Paul will oversee the subcommittees, with a model similar to the Plant Sale. Plans include a year long celebration from late November 2029 through early January 2031. A new logo design is being planned by a trainee with graphic design experience. Swag items with a logo under consideration include water bottles, hats, t-shirts, and garden gloves. Once sub committee costs have been determined a budget will be put together. A demographic survey is planned at upcoming events to make informed swag selections.

**President Elect Recruitment** (Jen M) Tim Wear will not be able to continue as President Elect. Multiple candidates have been approached and have declined. Reasons cited include: overcommitment and feeling a lack of skill set. Jen M volunteered to serve a second year, if no one steps up to fill the position. Recruitment will continue through the summer with a potential for extended president elect training, if Jen M serves a second year.

**OMGA** (Eric) OSU Dam Proud Day fundraising materials will be distributed for the April 29th event. OMGA grants and award applications are due on May 15. Longevity awards have been discontinued by OMGA. Local chapters are encouraged to recognize those members locally. Pat Patterson will receive a special 50 year recognition at Joy of Gardening (Mini College). Joy of Gardening is scheduled for July 10-11 in Corvallis with a \$50 tuition fee this year in recognition of its 50th Anniversary. Local chapters will take over State Master Gardener of the Year and Behind the Scenes awards from OMGA.

**Publicity and Social Media** (Margo) Kelly Brown has been recruited and trained for photography. Photos were taken at the recent Greenhouse event. Vacant volunteer positions include: second and third photographers, Tip of the Week coordinator, Garden Gathering workshop press release writer.

**Coordinators Report** (Megan) After some discussion it was decided to do a full potluck at the final class this year because we are expecting a large attendance. There have been over 75 people in the past. Megan will create a sign up sheet.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes taken by AI and Donna DesRochers.

