

Master Gardener Volunteers of Clark County

General Meeting

March 13, 2024

President Christi Lockhart called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm with members present and online. Minutes of the January 10, 2024, meeting were previously sent to all members by email. President Lockhart asked for additions or corrections to the minutes. As there were none, Donna Myers introduced a motion to accept, and Marianne Ober seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Introduction** – Salena Hall, our new hire after a very long wait, was introduced to the general membership. She is serving half time with the Food Council, and half time with Master Gardener Volunteers. She shared that she is “new-ish” to this area, has four children, a fiancé, and is very excited about working together with us.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer, George Simon II, reported the following:

	<b>January 2024</b>	<b>February 2024</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$5,527.92	\$7,910.68	Designated Funds	\$62,870.77
Income	\$2,678.06	\$2,094.57	Money Market	\$25,004.44
Expenses	\$295.30	\$2,114.53	Stock	\$57,501.25
Ending Balance	\$7,910.68	\$7,890.72	Bonds	\$24,944.40
			Total Assets	\$115,340.81

A discussion about budget items and potential shortfalls followed. Several committee chairpersons volunteered to reduce their budgets for this year.

**Pam Bennett Report**

Natheta Mercer will take the lead on the Great American Cleanup, to be held on Saturday, 20 April, 9am – 12am. Downtown at YMCA -breakfast and box lunch will be included. Details for signups to follow.

Plants & Pints will be held 27 April.

Salena will be asking for volunteers for a 27 April Community Health Center function.

1 April – STEM students from Dayton will tour the gardens, headed up by Connie Mitchell, Deb Brugger, and the Education Committee.

Finances – Pam provided updates on the financial situation and garden projects. The Davis Fund will pay for irrigation. That still leaves about \$50,000 in the Davis Fund. All gardens will have irrigation or buckets and hoses. The hoses will not have to stretch more than 50 feet.

There is money to pay for the entrance garden. Other gardens will be on hold for now. Sidewalks will be completed from the Early Ohio Settlers Garden to Landscape with Nature. They will go in this week. We will purchase 6 ft benches. Brent will put in pads for 8 ft benches at no charge.

Pam also discussed efforts to create an endowment for her position.

### **Committee Reports**

RSVP hours – See Marianne for forms to submit RSVP volunteer hours.

Fair & Flower Show – Nicole White stepped down as chairman. Janie Malowney and Marianne Ober will return as co-chairs. Let them know if you want to volunteer. They need baskets and donations for baskets by the end of June.

Education Committee – Connie Mitchell reported the handbook/policy and procedure manuals are nearing completion with policies, etc, all contained in one manual. It will be available online. There will be a Docent training meeting on 5-14 from 1-3 pm. They need 12 docents. The Meet Me in the Garden handout will be sent to us. Marian Hinderer explained that for each event they will need a greeter. The greeter will put up and take down signs, introduce event, explain housekeeping, pass the donations can and do a survey. 2 greeters are needed per event.

Plant sale – to be held on 4 May. First delivery truck arrives 30 April. Worker signup opportunities will be available soon.

23 April Hypertufa class on 4-23-24 from 12-3 pm will be limited to 20 people. 8 people have signed up. Cost will be approximately \$25/person. Hypertufa planters will be made for the steps. We received donations from a former hypertufa teacher to use for the class.

Plant Sale – Loretta Blazer reminded us how important this year's plant sale is and requested volunteers for the week before to unload trucks and set up. First truck arrives on Tuesday 4-30-24.

Landscape with Nature – Tom Davidson offered to put together a native plant presentation for the day of the sale. Donna Meister reported that the first workday in LWN was today. They installed the sails, cut plants to knee-high and did some other clean-up. They will have workdays on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays.

Early Ohio Settlers – Kim Bachman reported that next Monday, 3-18-24, will be the first meeting of the year for the committee. It will be in the large conference room and includes a brunch, so bring food.

Tree Committee – Donna Meister reported that Alison Volk will be the chairman. Alison was unable to attend tonight. One of Tree Committee's goals is to be a level 1 certified arboretum by Jubilee. Join through HOC if you are interested in volunteering. They hope to meet twice per month on Thursday.

Finance Committee - George Simmon II Reported that a financial review was done inhouse this year. Four mistakes were found and corrected. Thanks to these volunteers for their work on the review: Terry Reid, Marilyn Hinderer, Tom Miller and Teresa Magill, who did a super job.

Christ Lockhart reminded everyone that dues are due by 3-31-24 or our insurance policy will not cover you.

#### New Business

Sales Tax – George Simons II reported that we have a certificate to pay taxes at our fundraisers. This will allow us to have more fund raisers, but our costs will increase by the 7.25% taxes. We will have a sign at fund raiser that say 'tax included in cost'.

Picture Directory – Christi Lockhart polled attendees on whether we thought a picture directory was a good or bad idea. It would include pictures of members and possibly other information like address, phone and email. A show of hands indicated that members are in favor.

Intern Potluck – There will be a potluck on 4-3-24 from noon to 1:30 pm for our graduating intern class. There will be a Pirate theme. Bring a dish and stop in to introduce yourself.

Selena Hall is working on a Snyder Park Facebook page. We should be able to earn non-profit dollars through the site. She is also working on getting a donation box in the garden.

Christ Lockhart made a motion to adjourn and Connie Mitchell seconded. The meeting ended at 6:40 pm.