

Master Gardeners of Clark County
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2025

The October 8, 2025 meeting was called to order by Jill Pfister President at 10:05 AM at the Extension office. Officers attending were: Christi Lockhart outgoing president, George Simon II Treasurer, Teresa Magill Assistant Treasurer, Karen Parsons, and Gigi Wise Members at Large, Linda Asebrook Secretary, and Beth Brooks, Jim Townsend and Pam Bennett. Gary Watson was excused. Secretary Linda Asebrook asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2025 meeting and Christi Lockhart made a motion to accept and George Simon II seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Treasure's Report George Simon II presented the Treasurer's report which will be placed on file for audit. Ending cash balance for September 30, 2025 is \$23,056.92 and assets of \$102,464.32 reported. A donation of \$7,000 was reported by George and the donor will be recognized in the Blades & Blooms. George also wanted to discuss the fence that is behind the barn which needs minimal repairs and it was decided that Dennis will fix it.

Pam Bennett Report MGV Training Team Scheduled open houses on 7th, 18th of November. Determined what roles people will play (set up, interviews, etc.) Started to schedule speakers

Benches

Name plates are in process; Janet Heater is also a new one

Bill will be sent to MGVs

Administration comments – Jill Pfister

Office closed after Christmas

Springfield 2051 discussion

USA 250 – create an ad Hoc team to meet and discuss events for the year

State 250 – planting a tree

Beth Brooks Report:

Recognition Banquet will be at Grace Lutheran again this year at 5pm on Nov.10

Invitations are finished. Jaycie did a great job on them. We are just waiting to hear back from branding prior to printing and mailing out.

We will be having a Chili Cook Off and the MGV BOT election during the November 12th

general meeting here in the large conference room at 5:30. Joyce made a cute flyer about the chili cook-off that I will be sending out soon. I will also be sending out the ballots for the BOT election prior to October 31st.

We need to replace some shrubs and trees in the clubhouse gardens which will be coming out of the perennial committee budget. The barberries are failing (they are known to escape cultivation and displace native species in natural areas) and we lost the coral bark maple. The perennial committee would also like to add a paperbark maple to those beds. We may also need to replace the flamethrower redbuds in the feature gardens which I believe could come out of the Feature Garden Budget.

2026 MGV Training Open Houses Nov 6th and Nov 18th . We are getting ready to send the information and flyers out to everyone who has expressed interest in training to become an MGV. Jim will be posting to social media as well. We have been teaching for the U.S.S. Garden Club once per month and I am going to drop some flyers off there.

We have 4 maybe 5 applicants signed up in HoC plus 25 or 28 other people who have already expressed interest.

Beth on vacay this Friday the Oct 10th returning next Wednesday Oct 15 th .

Please reach out to Jim if you need assistance.

Old Business: Jill reported on the strategic plan and asked for additions to this report. Discussion was held with no additions. Report needs to be back by next Wednesday.

The Survey Committee made a motion by Linda Asebrook, seconded by Teresa Magill to start a committee called: Members Landscape Design and improvement

and offer it to the new class showing them the benefits of being a member of Master Gardeners. After the first year this would be offered to all Master Gardeners and members would vote on the best garden. Pam Bennett rejected the motion as this should be an ad hoc committee. Discussion ensued and it was decided that the survey committee would bring it up at the November general meeting. Another suggestion would be to have some friendly competition among the Chairman of the existing chairs and select a chairperson of the year for 2026 with a party to celebrate. Details to follow.

New Business: Request by Karen Titone, and Mark and Judy Finnegan to order a plaque to be placed on one of the SPGA's benches to celebrate the collaboration between MGV's and Springfield Regional cancer center project. The SRCC has made a monetary donation to MGV for many years so the feeling is that this should be accomplished. They are requested to email Pam what they would like to put on the plaque.

The Nomination Committee reported that they have a straw vote as of 9/10/25.

The results are: President-Elect Connie Mitchell

Treasurer: George Simon II

Secretary: Linda Asebrook

Member at Large: Jill Hope, Rita Lane, Rosalind Soles and Karen Titone

Ballots needed to be mailed will be sent on October 27th all others ballots will be emailed on October 31, 2025. Ballots will also be available at the meeting November 12, 2025. Linda McCann will be sending out an email with bios from our candidates.

As there was no further business Christi Lockhart made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by George Simon II. Motion passed at 11:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Asebrook

Secretary

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