

Master Gardeners of Clark County General Meeting
November 13, 2024
Clark County Extension Office

Golf Cart Meeting of Board of Trustees

Present were: President Christi Lockhart, Member-At-Large Gigi Wise, Member-At-Large Kathy Marks, Assistant Treasurer Teresa Magill, Past President Sue Ann Dill, Beth Brooks, Salena Hall, and Secretary Susan Miller.

Tom Miller gave a review of the two golf carts that the Master Gardeners of Clark County were considering for purchase. There was a discussion of funds to pay for the golf carts, then Christi called a motion to vote for the purchase of the two golf carts from Power Equipment Solutions. Sue Ann Dill seconded the motion. Power Equipment Solutions will keep the Garden Goblin golf cart on their lot and sell it for us. Until the sale of the Goblin occurs, we would carry a debt of \$3,350. All present voted yes, and George Simon II and Jill Pfister had sent their yes votes ahead of the meeting. Yes votes were unanimous.

Call to Order

President Christi Lockhart called the General Meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. with members present and online. The meeting began with committee reports.

Committee Reports

Golf Outing. Connie Mitchell reported on the successful golf outing. We netted \$4,000.00 and had 32 hole sponsors. Mark your calendars for August 22, 2025. Weather Delay date is September 5, 2025.

Swag Committee. Mark Finnegan discussed the details of the upcoming swag event. People could sign up for greens cutting at one of three locations on Nov 25, 2024, for transporting greens and materials to the old Frank's Nursery on December 3, and for making swags on December 4th. They could also be part of the distribution team on December 5th. Bow makers are also needed, and a link will be sent out with instructions on how to make swags.

Christi Lockhart interjected that people should be sure to keep an eye on their junk mail folder. There have been problems with some email delivery so if you aren't getting MGV emails, check your junk folder.

Recognition Dinner. Kim Bachman reported that we have 98 reservations for the Recognition Dinner. The event begins at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm. Set-up will begin at 10 am on Monday, November 18th at Grace Lutheran Church, the same location we used last year.

Victory Garden. Mark Finnegan reported on the effort to replace the fence on November 6th. It was tough going. The trencher had to be dragged manually, but the trench was completed. Next week or the following week the nylon fencing will be added. This should be much easier.

Tree Committee. Donna Meister reported for Allison Volk, who was not in attendance. Allison has done a lot of work to identify and chart all of the trees at SPGA. Paper work to become an official Arboretum should go in at the end of the week.

Landscape with Nature. Donna Meister reported that things are growing too well in the Landscape with Nature beds, due to the beautiful soil. The committee will be working on redesigning the beds, doing some painting and working on the hardscaping.

Education Committee. Connie Mitchell reported the committee had a wonderful year and will be robust in scheduling for next year. Speak up if you have ideas for Boost Your Mind, Boost Your Body. That program only did so-so in attendance, so we are looking for new things to try. They are also looking at other grants. Mark Finnegan mentioned that we are also looking for performers for music in the park next year.

Connie also mentioned that in 2023 we had 30+ tours at SPGA. This year there were only 10, probably due to the heat. Next Docent meeting is in December.

Reports

Treasurer George Simon II is ill with Covid, so Assistant Treasurer Teresa Magill will give the treasury report.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer's Report as of October 2024

Total Cash Balance on October 1, 2024:	\$ 44,720.91
Total Revenue	\$ 5,016.30
Total Disbursements	\$42,938.42
Ending Cash Balance on October 31, 2024	\$ 6,798.79
Designated Funds	\$30,912.05
Other Assets	
Stock (Davis Fund)	\$67,638.84
Bonds (Edward Jones)	\$13,711.49
Total Assets:	\$88,149.12
Year-to-date	
Revenue	\$105,037.89

Disbursements

\$104,096.76

The Treasurer's report will be placed on file for audit.

There was a discussion of payment of the irrigation system. Designated cash is down \$30,000-ish because of the irrigation system payment.

Old Business

Beth Brooks told everyone that hours needed to be in for the Recognition Dinner, and asked people who needed help with HOC to raise their hands.

New Business

Tom Miller explained the budget for the purchase of the two golf carts.

Beth Brooks reported that State Fees will go from \$10 to \$15. She does not yet know if our dues will also go up.

Pictures will be taken after the meeting and again on a TBD date in the future.

Beth Brooks discussed the SPAM problem. She also talked about the award for Outstanding Nonprofit Organization that the Master Gardeners will win tomorrow on Springfield's Philanthropy Day event. She closed with a big thank you for the work done to complete the entrance beds at SPGA.

Pam Bennett Report

Ohio Victory Garden program won't be happening next year. This may be replaced by something for Earth Week. Five counties will be piloting a Keep Ohio Beautiful program.

A new chat feature is being piloted in HOC. It should be in place by the first of the year.

There is a myth about the Osage Orange Tree. It is said to keep spiders away, but this has never been researched. The wood is great for fence posts. Although it is a native tree, the wildlife it supported is extinct.

Votes for the new officers were tallied. Gary Watson will be the new President-elect. Karen Parsons will be the new Member-at-Large. Linda Asebrook will return as secretary.

Afterward, Sandy Forstrom explained to the membership that fellow Master Gardener Jerri Taylor is battling cancer. Donna Myers also told the membership that Pam Thullen is battling cancer, and asked people to send cards and prayers.

Pam gave everyone a gratitude card to fill out.

Dennis Latimer told the membership a lovely story of a married couple he met using the sidewalks at SPGA, and how their walks have significantly improved their health, and how much they love the park. He also spoke of how much he loved the park and being a Master Gardener.

Teresa Magill told people they needed to have their budgets in by the end of November for 2025.

Deb Brugger presented a motion to end the meeting and Jane Adams seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.