

Master Gardener Volunteers of Clark County
Board of Trustees Meeting
December 13, 2024 9:00 am

President Christi Lockhart called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Present were:

Christi Lockhart, President
Jill Pfister, President-Elect
Sue Ann Dill, Past President
George Simon II, Treasurer
Teresa Magill, Assistant Treasurer
Susan Miller, Secretary
Kathy Marks, Member at Large
Gigi Wise, Member at Large
Pam Bennett
Beth Brooks
Salena Hall

Minutes of the October 9, 2024, board meeting were reviewed. Pam Bennett requested that her name be added as present, since she was attending through Zoom. Jill Pfister made a motion to accept the minutes with correction, and Teresa Magill seconded the motion. The corrected minutes will stand approved.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, George Simon II, reported the following:

	November 1, 2024
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 6,798.79
Income	\$ 5,706.07
Expenses	\$ 6,180.54
Total Liquidation of Assets (Golf Carts)	\$12,200.00
Ending Balance 11-30-24	\$ 6,324.32

Other Assets

Designate Funds \$24,425.05

*Money Market (Edward Jones)

Closed on 25 March 2024

Stock (Davis Funds)	\$58,686.26
Bonds (Edward Jones)	\$13,773.73
Total Value	\$72,449.99
Total Assets	\$78,774.31
Year-to-date	
Income	\$122,916.96
Expense	\$122,477.16

George told the committee that Kim Bachman had donated \$5,000 for a memorial bench. He also explained that the 2 purchased golf carts were listed in 2 areas: 6487 designated funds and 5713 Davis Fund. He reported that Lola Walston had donated \$6,000 in December, and we received \$81.99 from Krogers.

Proposed Budget

George reported that there was a review of all account activities for 2024. Pam got an additional \$23,000 for Salena's position in 2025. Food council may help us with the expenses for the Victory Garden. George was instructed to zero account 258, Community Gardens for Terry Fredrich compensation of \$1500. He should also zero out the Entrance Fund. A new account, 268, was added for Equipment and Maintenance at the suggestions of Drew Titone and Tom Miller. There is \$200 in the designated fund that can be used for Equipment and Maintenance. This fund may go up in the future depending on maintenance needs. \$575 for LWN was put forth. There was a discussion of the Sunshine Committee. Terri Peters is stepping back and Tuffy Haverkos is taking it over. Jill Pfister motioned for approving the budget, George seconded, and it was approved.

Pam Bennett Report

- a. Update on funds. Pam discussed current status of funds; we received \$12,500 from the Quinlan Foundation (Tom Loftis), and \$32,000 from Springfield Foundation for sidewalks. We didn't receive the grant request from Springfield for the Commemorative Garden, and we're waiting on word from Turner for 5K for sidewalks. Deerwesters gave another 25K, making it \$75,000 out of 100K commitment.
- b. KBP gave me another \$50.00 for the golf outing; Pam will get to George
- c. Pam sent a potted plant to our major donors thanking them for their support as well as Jerri Taylor and Pam Thullen from OSUE MGVs

- d. Plans for SPGA: interpretive signage, consider the planting area west of the Wingert Tossey Pavilion, additional sidewalks
- e. Retirement – likely 2026 spring/summer, however, depends on how things are going
- f. Talked with Administration; if they know the exact time of retirement, they will plan on starting earlier in order to have someone in place so that there is no gap in staff.
- g. Meeting with David Civitolo (Interim Director of Extension) and development in Jan. Discuss additional funds.
- h. Chat feature in HoC planned to launch in January
- i. Strategic planning will take place on Feb. 17 and Feb. 24, half day each time. We will come up with a committee.

Old Business

Garden Goblin update. A report on the condition of the Garden Goblin golf cart was discussed. Given its poor condition, Christi made a motion to accept the trade with Power Equipment Solutions, rather than wait to see if Power Equipment Solutions could sell it from the lot for a profit, which seems unlikely. Sue Ann Dill seconded the motion and the committee voted and approved.

Increase in dues. Beth Brooks mentioned the increase in her newsletter article and it was discussed at the November general meeting. Dues are now \$35.

New Business

Gigi Wise suggested Master Gardeners decorate a float for the Memorial Day parade. People liked the idea and discussed some details. It would be an opportunity to advertise SPGA, Jubilee, and summer programming. Gigi will consider how to move forward, possibly partnering with the park.

Jubilee. There was a discussion of who might chair Jubilee, since Jerri Taylor will not be involved. There are still people interested in working on it.

There was a discussion of calendars and the HOC calendar in particular.

Susan Miller made a motion to adjourn and Jill Pfister seconded. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.