

Master Gardeners of Clark County
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 14, 2024

President Christi Lockhart called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. Present were: Susan Miller Secretary, Christi Lockhart President, George Simon II Treasurer, Teresa Magill Assistant-Treasurer (via Zoom), Jill Pfister President-elect, Gigi Wise Member at Large, Salena Hall new Extension employee.

Minutes from the December 2023 board meeting were reviewed. Jill Pfister made a motion to accept the minutes and Susan Miller seconded. As there were no objections or corrections the minutes will stand approved as reported.

Treasurer's Report:

George Simon II presented the Treasurer's report which will be placed on file for audit. Ending cash balance as of January 31, 2024 is \$7,910.68. Total assets are \$115,360.77.

George reported that we had a nice income of \$2,678.06 for January. Dues, donations, and Linda McCann's knitting fund raiser contributed to the strong income.

Reports:

Salena Hall introduced herself to the Board of Trustees. Salena, her 4 children and fiancé have lived in Springfield for about 1 year. She lives in Mad River Township and her kids go to Greenon Local Schools. Prior to her Springfield move she worked for a group of attorneys coordinating events, marketing and advertising. She is excited to be a part of 'something bigger' and is an avid OSU fan – Go Bucks!

Old Business:

George Simon II reviewed the new bylaws. The new bylaws received approval at the September 2023 General Meeting. A copy of the bylaws are now on file and can also be found on the clark.osu.edu website.

The Strategic plan update was shelved until the next meeting since Pam Bennett was out.

Deb Brueger will chair a committee for state awards.

A budget for the holiday decorating committee was approved at the December board meeting.

New Business

Discussion of the second member survey was tabled because Sue Ann Dill was not present. Susan Miller asked if the board could get demographic information from HOC.

George Simon II gave an update on sales tax. He explained that two years ago a law was passed that said if an organization had more than 10 fund raisers per year they must pay sales tax. Last year we had 10 events and want to have more events. Teresa Magill and George researched getting a license so that we can have more fund raisers. The license cost \$25. We will pay taxes on our fundraisers quarterly. Ohio tax for Clark County is 7.25%. When we sell

items we will have a card that says "tax included in cost". We need to consider raising our prices to offset this increase in cost.

The new intern class has 14 or 15 onsite students and 5 online students.

Other Business

The end of March is the final date for dues. Currently 55% to 60% of volunteers have paid. Two members are not renewing for this year. Hank Nagano moved to Delaware. Sonia Ryhal resigned.

On February 23, 2024 there will be a financial review. In addition to George and Teresa, reviewers will be Terry Reid, Marilyn Hinderer and Tom Miller. Doing an in-house financial review allows us to hire a CPA every other year, thus saving money.

George Simon II made a motion to end the meeting. Jill Pfister seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

The next Board meeting will be April 10 2024 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at OSUE in the Large Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Miller, Secretary