

Master Gardeners of Clark County
General Meeting Minutes May 14, 2025

The May 14, 2025 meeting was called to order by Jill Pfister President at 5:35 PM other officers attending were: George Simon II Treasurer, Teresa Magill, Karen Parsons and Gigi Wise Members at Large, Linda Asebrook Secretary, Christi Lockhart out-going president, Gary Watson incoming president, Pam Bennett, Beth Brooks and with 30 members present and 28 on zoom. President Jill Pfister asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2025 meeting. A motion by Christi Lockhart and second by Deb Brugger was made to accept the minutes as reported and, as there were no objections, the minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report as of Apr 30,2025:

Total Cash Balance: \$3,2741.05 Total assets: \$74,057.77.

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

Pam Bennett: Sidewalks – 61K to finish to Kiwansis and around to LWN

Beth Brooks:

George heard back from the Insurance representative in regard to the liability risk incurred with our volunteers operating the new carts. We are all set and do not need operators to sign liability waivers just need them to be trained on safe operation. Dennis and I came up with a training checklist for Cushman Hauler Cart and will be training garden chairs on an individual basis. Please reach out to Beth to make an appointment for training. We will put a calendar on the cupboard in Barn 1 and Dennis and I have figured out a system for checking out the keys. The annuals for the Feature Gardens were delivered this morning. Thank you to Karen and Drew Titone, Deb Brugger, Jill Pfister and Dennis Latimer for helping to set up tables and unload the truck and George for rushing a check out to pay for them. Thank you to Teresa Magill, Rosalind Soles and Karen Parsons for watering them and thank you in advance to the Greenhouse team and everyone who has signed up to help water over the next couple of weeks.

Adopt a Beds (??)

Hydrangea beds are getting overrun with weeds again. I have been thinking that we could add a hydrangea committee and offer educational programs, etc.

Would anyone be willing to help with the care of the roses in the rose trials and maintain those beds?

Anybody willing to help me with an education station tabling at 10:15 on May 20th during NTPRD's Conservation day with area 5th graders? It is the same day we will be planting the cultivar trials. (Christi agreed to help.)

This Saturday, Hartman Rock Garden Spring Planting; 1905 Russell Ave; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Record hours in HOC under Friends of Hartman Rock Garden.

We have committed to a table at the Farm Market on June 21st, July 26th, Aug 23rd, Sept 27th.

Kali Lawrence will be representing the CCLFC on June 21st. She will also have our MGV literature available. I am looking for volunteers to help with outreach and educational activities on the other dates.

Greenhouse Committee: No Report

Docent Committee: Meeting on May 20 at Panera and changes to the book were discussed and changes made.

Education Committee: 1. Snyder Park Elementary School's 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Graders toured SPGA on May 13 and 15. They planted pansies in the triangle beds, potted either Pansies or Petunias to take home to their mothers. We had 104 students.

1st Music in the park was Monday. Witt FREE played. There were 20 participants.

Next meeting is May 22 in Barn area @ 11 am.

Boost Your Body Mind and Spirit begins @ 10am on June 5.

Golf Outing: Golf Outing August 22, 2025 June 21-

Plant Sale: Plant Ordering Update -

Early Ohio Settlers: The Early Ohio Settlers will be continuing with workdays on alternating Mondays, with the exception of instead of Monday, May 26 it will be Tuesday, May 27 because Memorial Day. Work Days start at 8:30. Any MGv is welcome. If you would like to be added to the list for notifications, please let Kim, Mark, or Judy Finnegan know. Meetings are listed in the calendar as well.

Pictures for the Yearbook: Karen Parsons is working on the book.

Night Weeders: Joyce Watson will be chairman of this committee.

Perennial Committee:

Tree Committee: Next work day July 17th from 9am to 11:am

The fairgrounds entrance committee: The fair entrance garden has been de-weeded, planted with petunias and mulched. We had some beautiful iris in full bloom for the extravaganza last weekend. Our next weeding days will be June 6th from 1-3 and then July 15th 9-11am. If you would like to help, please sign up in HOC

LWN: Landscape with Nature has held two garden clean-up days this year in preparation for the spring emergence of plants. We are deliberating about how to accommodate the back entrance to the garden with the green picnic table that is now in the pergola. The addition of the table blocks the former entrance and will require a change in the garden design. Repainting the benches and touch up of other wooden structures is on our agenda.

Tom Davidson

Victory Garden: The top news is that the VG had a groundhog intrusion despite our new fence, but it wasn't a fence problem, it is proving very effective. It came in through a deep tunnel on the north end of the garden, probably an entrance to a den that was built there last year when the fence failed. Thanks to some advice from a professional, we built a trap to fit over the hole, and while it took a few days it came back for a second helping of cabbage and we got him. The tunnel has been sealed with foam so that no other hungry herbivore can wander in. Most of the

cabbages are recovering from being chewed on but we have some replacements for the ones that don't.

Our 2 new tillers are making preparing the beds and keeping weeds at bay much easier. We have planted 300 lbs. of seed potatoes which are now well up. Other plantings include 8 lbs. of onion sets and the 90 cabbage plants, which are both up and doing well. Thanks to a gift of a seed planter from Tom and Susan Miller we were able to plant the planned 1/3 of our corn crop in record time. They have sprouted and looking good. Seeds for beets, zucchini, butternut and spaghetti squash is in. To keep the new fence from becoming unsightly and covered by weeds we have sprayed weed killer along it. The thistle was already getting tall but is now fading.

We have 100 tomatoes and 60 pepper plants along with seeds for beans, cucumbers, okra and our second planting of corn that we will start putting in at our next work day. The individual plots are filling in as members help each other to get their planting done.

We are doing our best to plant and plan to reduce the hand weeding as much as possible, but there is always much work to do. We have lost a couple of our regular crew so encourage anyone to come sign up for the garden to get notices and join us whenever you can.

Jubilee Committee: Meeting this week

Strategic Plan Pam has sent out the Strategic Planning for suggestions and/or omissions. Please read and offer any ideas you may have.

Old Business:

Blades and Blooms moving to every other month starting with February. For those who are paying to receive it by mail – that money will appear in next years (2026) budget. Please submit your news and pictures asap.

Memorial Day Parade: The parade will begin at Veteran's Park and proceed North on Fountain Ave. to McCreight turning left and at Plum turning left again and returning to Veteran's Park. It's 3 miles

2. The float will need to enter Veteran's Park from Plum at **8am**.
3. We must keep moving at all times.
4. Materials to be handed out are from the sidewalks only.

Other information may be found in an email from Beth Brooks.

New Business:

Opportunity to Volunteer at the Westcott House is still open.

We are looking for volunteers to help on a weekly basis during the growing season to keep the gardens behind and in front of the Westcott House in ship shape condition for the thousands of visitors who come each season.

If interested, please let Rita Lane, ritalane2@gmail.com, know.

Linda Butler announced her Plant Swap on May 24, 2025 from 10A to 1P at 270 Broadmoor. This is a "friend raiser".

Box Tree moth was discussed and we expect calls asking questions.

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Kim Bachman and seconded by George Simon II at 6:45 PM and as there was no objection the meeting was closed.

Linda Asebrook
Recording Secretary