

Master Gardener Volunteers of Clark County
May 8, 2024 5:30 pm
Extension Office Large Conference Room

Call to Order

President Christi Lockhart called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with members present and online. Minutes of the March 13, 2024, meeting were previously sent to all members by email. President Lockhart asked for additions or corrections to the minutes. As there were none, Linda Butler introduced a motion to accept, and Jane Adams seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report as of May 8, 2024 Total Cash Balance on April 30, 2024: \$48,641.06. Total assets: \$123,186.42. The Treasurer's report will be placed on file for audit. George discussed large disbursements for irrigation system coming after it is tested.

Pam Bennet Report

Pam discussed the success of the Plant Sale. 138 people were in line by 8:50 am and 550 people had been through the gate by 10 am. By the end of the day we had 987 customers.

Pam discussed a partnership in the works with Hartman Rock Garden and Wescott House. She discussed other upcoming events including planting the field trials. She also discussed GAP training on 5-22-24 at 3:30 pm at Springfield Regional Hospital. People who work in the Garden of Eatin', the Victory Garden and Early Ohio Settlers must take the training.

The Parks system is now called Clark County Park District dba National Trails.

Irrigation will be turned on next week.

There have been some vandalism issues. An irrigation meter was stolen and profanity was scratched into something in the Landscape with Nature garden. Camera's may be put up by the Children's Garden and the Victory Garden.

Committee Reports

Plant Sale. Jill Pfister reported that it went really well with profits around \$14,000. Customers she spoke to were very excited about the event. Pat McFarand reported that a lot of the house plants sold. Everyone agreed that The Explorers (volunteer teens) were very helpful.

Fundraising. Christi Lockhart encouraged people to submit new ideas for fundraising. Connie discussed the golf scramble that will take place 9-27-24 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Elks Lodge Golf Course on Villa Rd. Connie also reported that there would be training for summer greeters for Meet Me In the Garden on 5-14-24 from 1 to 3 pm. Afterward there will be docent training.

Summer Arts Festival. Mark Finnegan said we would be passing the can on 6-15-24 at the Journey Tribute. See Mark if you wish to volunteer.

Springfield Elementary will be bringing each grade to SPGA starting 5-9-24. Activities include planting a petunia and visiting the Kiwanas Garden. Teachers will take over at lunch.

Jubilee. Rita Young reported that there would be three meetings on the 4th Thursday of May, June and July. Jubilee is August 3.

Victory Garden. Ed reported that the planting was on schedule and that there would be a second planting next week. He also felt that weeds would be bad this year.

Tree Committee. Allison Volk reported that there would be a meeting this Friday at noon at the barn. Bring a lunch. Sign in through HOC. Writers and computer people are needed.

Landscape with Nature. Janie Malowney expressed gratitude for the new sidewalks and irrigation system. She said that they had received bird and hummingbird plants. She invited people to the LWN workday every other Wednesday, and enticed with the offer of free plants.

Fair. Janie Malowney also reported on the fair. She thanked Judy Hopper for fair basket items and described the types of baskets that would be available through silent auction.

Garden of Eatin'. Teresa Magill reported that they would be bringing plants out on Friday to harden off. Planting will begin on the 17th. On 6-20-24 there will be a 'Savor the Flavor of Herbs' presentation by Kim Bachman.

Perennial Beds. Jerri Taylor said there was great attendance at the Hypertufa class on 4-23. On 5-7-24 18 people went to Amherst Nursery and had a fantastic time. Sandy Forstrom reported that there would be a group for a Gardening is Fun program on May 18 from 10 to noon for kids 5 to 10 years old. They will make seed balls and seed tape, decorate markers and plant seeds and flowers. Jaycee did a great job with the flyer.

Plant Swap. Linda Butler reported she would again have a plant swap on her porch.

Old Business

Christi Lockhart thanked Donna Meister for bring her directory of that showed membership information, including photos of each member. Doing another directory was discussed.

New Business

Linda Asebrook has prepared a second membership survey. It is coming out next week and members will receive it through email. You will click on a link and be able to fill it out online.

Christ Lockhart made a motion to adjourn and Connie Mitchell seconded. The meeting ended at 6:50 pm.