

Master Gardeners of Clark County General Meeting
July 10, 2024, 6 pm
Clubhouse at Snyder Park

Call to Order

President Christi Lockhart called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with members present and online. President Lockhart asked for additions or corrections to the minutes from the May 8, 2024 General Meeting. As there were none, a motion was introduced to accept and second the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer's Report as of July 10, 2024

Total Cash Balance on June 30, 2024: \$ 52,206.37

Total Assets: \$130,445.02

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

Pam Bennett Report

We have approximately \$10,000 for the purchase of plants for the entrance. This comes from an anonymous donation. Pam would like to raise another \$10,000 for additional sidewalks. She also discussed a series of plants for spring, summer and fall that she would like to see completed before Jubilee.

After Jubilee, Pam wants to focus on purchasing signs for the park. Once the sign project is completed, Pam feels like she will have achieved the goals she set out to complete before she retires in 2025.

There will be a virtual State Conference in October.

On August 7, 2024 there will be a tour of the governor's residence.

On August 28, 2024 there will be a diagnostic workshop.

We were unable to hire an intern at OSU's rate of \$11 per hour. Teresa Magill's grandson has been helping out. Pam thanked everyone for pitching in this spring.

Beth Brooks announced that Dennis will be on vacation starting Friday. Christi Lockhart reminded everyone to run all work requests for Dennis through Beth and Pam.

Beth Brooks Report

Beth reported that they are still dialing in the irrigation system.

Standards of Excellence. Year after year we have received a platinum rating. We fall short on entering hours in HOC. At some point, we will have another class on HOC. Connie Mitchell is willing to do home visits to help train people in using HOC.

Master Gardeners will be at the Springfield Farmers Market once per month until noon.

Beth asked for help mulching the roses.

The sidewalks are now a completed loop that is a half a mile long.

Salena Hall Report

Salena reminded everyone that she can assist with working on Jubilee and the Golf event. Pam will send pictures to Salena for social media.

Committee Reports

Fair Flower Show Committee – Charlie Miller

There are nine days before the fair starts. Charlie sent around a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Set-up will be Thursday, 8-18-24. Set-up starts at 9 am. Volunteer shifts for the fair are 3 hours. If you sign-up tonight you will get a pass and can park right next to the building. On Wednesday there will be a flower show for kids, ages 5 to 8. You can drop off flowers for this event at Charlie's house or Jill's. Basket assembly will be at 9 am in the large conference room.

Jubilee Committee – Christi Lockhart

The next meeting is July 25th at the Wingert Tossey Pavilion. Christ asked for people to bring tents for Jubilee since some have been damaged. 8-2-24 at 8:30 am is set-up. 8-3-24 tents will be set-up. There will be a scavenger hunt that includes each garden.

Fundraising Committee – Connie Mitchel

The Golfing for Gardens even will be 9-27-24 at the Elks Golf Course on Villa Rd. We have 8 sponsors. The cost is \$70 per person and is paid the day of the tournament. We can have up to 25 teams. Our cost is \$30 to \$40 for meal, signage, prizes, drinks and decorations. Fran Davidson agreed to put together a honey basket for the raffle. There will be 18 holes of golf.

There is another golf tournament for all non-profits. There is no fee, but golfers can donate. Connie will put a golf team together. The cost is a tax write off in you are not getting anything from the tournament.

Snyder Park Elementary – Connie Mitchell

The May visit of kids from Snyder Park Elementary was a big success. There were some congestion issues. The Pollinator Garden in front of the school is thriving. They are starting a leadership conference and have invited Connie.

Fundraising Prints – LaDonna Lowe

Springfield was once a floral center of the world (see handout). There are original prints that are no longer under copyright. We could make prints of the original and sell them as a fundraiser. We can premier the prints at Jubilee. If they are successful, we will need a marketing committee.

Quilt Raffle – Beth Haas

There will be a quilt with an herb design to raffle at Jubilee as a fundraiser.

Early Ohio Settlers Committee – Kim Bachman

There is a program coming up on dying fabric nature's way.
On 8-22-24 Hank Morgan will talk about hops.
Assignments for Jubilee will be given out soon.

Recognition Committee – Kim Bachman

The first meeting is Monday, 11-18-24.

Landscape with Nature Committee – Tom Davidson

The sidewalk ends at the Landscape with Nature garden. Tom invited everyone to the garden to see two particularly beautiful mints that are in bloom.

Victory Garden – Jill Pfister

Produce to Second Harvest is now at 195 pounds. Groundhogs are terrible this year. They have eaten all the beets and half of the cabbage. On Tuesday, 8-10, MGVs will be digging potatoes. The garden needs underwire fencing, but it is not in the budget for this year.

Perennial Committee – Jerri Taylor

The third and final education program is 8-15-24, Designing for the WOW Factor. Doug Hinderer made the hypertufa planters on the steps – they are beautiful. All three chairs of the Perennial Committee are stepping down at the end of this year. They have managed the gardens for four years and are ready to pass the cause onto someone else.

Other Committees

Field Trips – Jerri Taylor

There will be a trip to Innis Woods in the fall, and some kind of trip for Christmas.

Newsletter Committee – Linda McCann

When sending in pictures, please include a list of who is in the picture, where they are and what they are doing.

Plant Sale – Deb Brugger

The new set-up of the plant sale went well. Next year one more check-out table will be added and one for small orders. The Explorers police cadets were wonderful. They were very helpful and polite. They will be helping at Jubilee. Next year the plant sale committee will need someone for an admin chair since Deb will be doing purchasing. 90% of people heard about the sale on social media or from a friend. We sold out, even though we had 25% more plant material.

Fair Committee Report – Allison Volk

The bed at the entrance to the fairgrounds is looking lovely. We will meet one last time before the fair next week. If interested in helping, please contact Allison Volk.

Tree Committee Report – Allison Volk

We are still making progress on gathering our information for level 1 certification. Plans are being written, spread sheet is being developed, research from our past is being looked into. Signage has been researched, great ideas have been shared. We meet again on Friday to review. The dates of our meeting should be on the calendar now.

Survey – Linda Asebrook

This was the second survey. We sent out a request for response twice. The first time 25 people responded. The second time sixty people responded. There was an interest in a class on designing gardens. The first such class will be for MGVs only. In the future we may open it to the public.

Old Business

Directory with member pictures. Karen Parsons and Christi Lockhart are working on this. Later in the fall they will set up in barn for pictures.

Christi reminded everyone to pick up their merch.

New Business

Providing water at SPGA. Gigi Wise talked about the environmental impact of water bottles on the environment, and their expense. She has been researching using water coolers. There was a discussion about whether we should pay someone to provide a cooler, or if we could purchase

2.5 gallons of water from the grocery to store in the barn in the fridge. People could fill water bottles from that.

Friend Raiser. Linda Butler reported that the plant swap she personally hosts on here porch raised \$515 which she donated to Master Gardeners of Clark County.

Writing checks. George Simons III explained to members that checks must be made out to Master Gardeners of Clark County or the bank will not cash them.

Jerri Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Connie Mitchell seconded. The meeting ended at 7:33 p.m.