

Master Gardeners of Clark County
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 13, 2025

The August 13, 2025 meeting was called to order by Jill Pfister, President, at 10:05 AM at the Extension office. Officers attending were: Gary Watson, Incoming president, Christi Lockhart, Outgoing president, Teresa Magill Assistant Treasurer, Karen Parsons and Gigi Wise, Members at Large, Linda Asebrook, Secretary, and Beth Brooks and Pam Bennett. Jim Townsend was introduced as the new employee replacing Salena. George Simon II was excused. President Jill Pfister asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2025 meeting and Christi Lockhart made a motion to accept and Gary Watson seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Treasure's Report Teresa Magill presented the Treasurer's report which will be placed on file for audit. Ending cash balance for July 31, 2025 is \$14,079.74, and assets of \$123,917.54 were reported.

Pam Bennett Report Pam sent out a big thank you to Beth for keeping things going in these busy times and the board concurred. Pam explained the OSU monies at development and will ask about these from her boss.

Discussion was held on emeritus status and a meeting will be scheduled by Pam, with Gary Watson and Christi Lockhart as we have received a request from Jane Malowney. Clark County is stricter on the requirements.

Discussion of Online Donations was discussed and the package we have with Square will support this. Teresa Magill will check into this.

Notebooks compiled by chairmen of each garden were discussed. These have been a great help when new chairmen take over from retiring chairmen. The Jubilee needs chairmen for 2026 and the retiring chairmen have offered to help the new chairmen in 2026.

Moving forward on interpretive signage in SPGA to include the OSU branding.

Beth Brooks Report: Jubilee was a success and approximately 500 people attended. The Springfield 2051 kick-off meeting at the Hollenbeck on August 15 was discussed and Beth agreed to send another email to all MGV reminding them to attend. This meeting is to discuss what Springfield needs and changes for the future year 2051.

Beth reported on damage last Saturday to the turf / sidewalks in SPGA by motorcycles or 4-wheel drives. Letters for the Wingert Tossey Pavilion sign were ordered and should be delivered within 1-1/2 weeks. Welcome to Jim Townsend in his new role as MGV Event Management / Community Garden Coordinator. Susie Anderson's husband fell and is in the hospital. Linda McCann's husband is back in the hospital. Both could use our prayers.

Old Business: Pam reported that she received very little feed back on the strategic plan. The MGV survey started last year was discussed, and a meeting will be scheduled before the next Board Meeting of October 8, 2025. Linda Asebrook, Teresa Magill, Sue Ann Dill and Gary Watson will meet.

New Business: A small committee of 5 to 10 people will be created by Pam with assistance from the membership at the September general meeting to study the strategic proposal that was prepared. The purpose is to capture the information and to help in the transition of Pam's retirement.

Spotted Lanternfly is now in Clark County, and we should be aware of calls and questions. Pam will have an article in the paper this weekend.

A new class will be starting in 2026, and we need to promote this opportunity.

Benches are available for the gardens – Small bench is \$3,000, large is \$5,000.

As there was no further business Christi Lockhart made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Gary Watson. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Asebrook