

Master Gardeners of Clark County  
General Meeting Minutes September 11, 2024

The September 11, 2024 meeting was called to order at the Snyder Park Barn by Christi Lockhart President at 5:40 PM with 51 present and others online. President Christi Lockhart thanked the Social Committee for organizing the taco potluck. A motion to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2024 meeting was made by Linda Butler and seconded by Connie Mitchell, and as there were no objections, the minutes were approved as published.

**Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2024

Total Cash Balance: \$44,962.47 Total assets: \$125,330.66

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

**Pam Bennett Report**

Where were you 23 years ago? Moment of silence please.

Pam discussed the spotted lanternfly and its potential effect on the county. There was an activity that followed. Pam also talked about a drought Inservice recording that will be sent to MGVs. Discussion followed on what to do for landscape plants. Retirement – Pam discussed that she is likely to work through next year.

Discussion followed regarding some of the groundwork that she is laying to provide for transition to a new Educator.

Meetings with Administration and Development from OSU are being scheduled.

Development – Pam continues to work with various stakeholders on funding needs. The Friends of the Parks have raised 7,500.00 of our requested 10K for the front entrance planting. She submitted grants to the Springfield Foundation and will be submitting to the Turner Foundation for additional sidewalks (70K with a 50K match from MGVs) and for the development of a landscape design for the commemorative garden. We have a community member who is potentially able to raise 40K for a labyrinth. If we get the grant, we can do the design and potentially help with the installation of the labyrinth.

Haitian situation in Clark County – Pam provided a high-level overview of the situation and refuted some of the rumors. She mentioned that she challenged the Board of Trustees to think about ways we might be able to help the situation, if we can. She also challenged the MGVs to give this some thought. She provided an overview of Extension activities in Clark County to Beau Ingle and Adam Ward, the director of public relations and legislative relations for OSUE.

Walk Saturday, September 14 at 9:00 a.m. Pam explained that the Tecumseh Trailblazers are having a regional walk and there will be people in the gardens

beginning at 9:00 a.m. If any committee chairs have the opportunity to have volunteers here from 9-11 a.m., that would be fantastic. If not, no worries either. They will be starting at the Wingert Tossey Pavilion and will be proceeding through the garden and the park. Snyder Park Gardens & Arboretum – main project this fall is to get the interpretive signage underway. Pam is working with Brad Boyer, Deputy Director for Clark County Parks District (dba National Trails Park and Recreation Department) on the signage and on the goose poop situation. More to come.

Garden Jubilee discussion – do we continue with it????

Clubhouse Update – Pam discussed the details with the CCPD Board on Monday and discussion followed. Working to push for restrooms.

### **Beth Brooks Report:**

Lost and Found is on the table at the rear. Believe it or not, Pam could not find anything that belonged to her.

With the ongoing drought conditions and heat, we are still watering, watering, watering. Thank you to everyone who has pitched in to help us drag hoses and keep everything alive and looking good. I created a watering schedule which is hanging in the barn with the expectation that we would initial on the days next to the zone that we watered. This way we can ensure that no areas are overlooked, and we have a record of our watering. You should be able to look and see if a bed has been watered or not that day and when the last time it was.

Thank you to Dennis, Jill, Karen Parsons and Joyce Watson for helping me tidy up prior to Chris Zoller's visit yesterday.

We need a volunteer or two to help with repairing the holes (made by nonhumans) in the Wingert Tossey Pavilion.

Next Farm Market event is coming up on Saturday, Sept 21st starting at 8:15 am if anyone would like to participate who has not gotten a chance to yet. We will be focusing on Pollinators.

Next Wednesday, Sept 18th, during garden workday the recruiting staff from Springfield Air National Guard Base will be bringing a group of 6 volunteers here to SPGA for a day of service. They have agreed to help with the assembly of the new garden benches. Thank you to Drew for once again agreeing to be the foreman for the assembly operation. The ANGB Wing Staff just recently reached out to me offering to bring an additional 15 – 20 volunteers that same day. We are thinking we will elicit their help with the new entrance plantings. Dennis has worked to amend the soil fertility and texture. We have been watering the new trees regularly so the moisture level is pretty good. Pam and I took a shovel out and dug around a little yesterday and worked on the plan for laying out the plants / shrubs.

Garden Workday has been 1st and 3rd Wednesday for 32 yrs. I know that we have all worked really hard in the gardens this year and they have looked just spectacular; but attendance has kind of dwindled on workdays, so we are wondering if we need to revisit our plan for general maintenance and caring for the beds that are not sponsored by committees. Not many have been showing up to participate during Nightweeders sessions either. One idea would maybe be to set up an adopt-a-bed program. Or, perhaps we could alternate one morning garden clean up the first Wednesday with one evening garden clean up on the 3rd Wednesday. Everybody can think about it and we can vote during the November meeting. Let us know what you think.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Jubilee:** Christi thanked all you helped and we counted about 500 attending but feel that some were missed in the count. Continuation of this event will be discussed in the coming months.

**Garden of Eatin'** Seed Savers meeting will be held on 9/19/24 from 5:30 – 7P

**Fair Flower Show:** Chairman Charlie Miller reported that the committee made \$2,300 from the baskets. He also added that he needs a co-chair to help. Please consider helping.

### **Landscape with Nature:**

Editing and design work is on the agenda for LWN.

LWN has experienced the descriptive growth of perennials – The first year they sleep, the second year they creep, and the third year they leap. We are now finishing the fourth year and experiencing an overwhelming leap.

We now need to edit and rework placement. Also requiring design work - The new sidewalk approach to LWN necessitates a design for a new entry to the garden.

Over the fall and winter, we will be working on the needed changes.

Janet Hannel, recently moved to Rhode Island. Her preparation involved clearing her home of all of the contents. In doing that, she brought to me her extra “Do no harm” handouts from a presentation that she and I gave at a September General Meeting several years ago for me to share.

Do no harm

“Honey, I shrank the lawn!”

Leave the leaves

Cardboard – your new best friend

“Pollinator Friendly Yards” Facebook

Winter sowing – no grow lights needed

**Perennial Committee:** The chairmen of this committee would like to step down and are asking for help to fill these chairmanships. Please check with them if you are interested and I am sure they will be glad to help you get started.

**Field Trips:** A trip to Inniswood is being planned on September 24, 2024 please be at Snyder Park at 9A and they will carpool.

**Fundraising:** Connie Mitchell reported on the Golf Outing. We have 9 teams and we need 15 please ask your friends to get the remaining teams we need. Connie also thanked all who donated gift cards. Please share this on your Facebook page. Fabenne who has done a great job as Chairman of the fundraising committee will be stepping down and Sue Ann Dill will take over.

**Field Trip:**

**EOS:** Thanks to those who were able to come this week for our workday - Mark, Kim, Jo Brown, Beth Staas, Rosalind Soales, Jean Rickards, Cindy Valente, and Peggy Shank. We had a few things to harvest, but were able to tidy up and transplant some mullein. We had a good crop of strawberry popcorn, so we will have plenty next year to share at the Jubilee. We had our first crop of apples! Well, okay, they weren't edible, but we see it as a good sign for next year.

**Recognition Dinner:** Theme is Hawaiian Oasis and will be held November 18, 2024 at the Grace Lutheran Church

**Swag Project:** Mark Finnegan reported on the Swags we produce for the Cancer patients. November 25 will be cutting greenery. And making the swags will be December 3 and 4 at the Old Franks building. 12/5 we will be passing them out at the cancer hospital.

**Victory Garden:** Drew reported that we sent 6,000 lbs.' of food to Second Harvest.

The committee has sent a letter to the Board explaining why we have less food (last year was 7,000 lbs.) The varmints have learned to get around the fencing we have in place. 2025 the committee will need to do trenching and they expect the cost to run from \$600 to \$1,000.

**Education:** Participation in the offerings has been better than last year. Music had 505 attendees, Mind & Spirit 127, Diagnostic 168, and Docents 258 people viewed our gardens.

**Tree Committee:** 9/23/24 we will be putting on tree guards.

**Old Business:** Kroger sent us \$60  
RSVP, please send your hours when requested  
The Rose prints will be on sale on 9/29/24 from 1 to 6P  
At Claudia Fett's house on S. Fountain and tickets are \$15 - \$20  
the day of the event.

**New Business:** Beth is asking for adopt a bed ideas.

**Straw Vote:** Marilyn Hinderer explained the straw vote which is used to contact members who might be interested in serving on the board. Interns cannot vote until after the recognition dinner in November.

As there was no other business a motion by Gary Watson and seconded by Jerri Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm was received. All were in favor.

Next meeting is November 13, 2024 @5:30 in the Large Conference Room in OSUE

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Asebrook*

Linda Asebrook, Acting Recording Secretary