

Master Gardeners of Clark County
General Meeting Minutes January 8, 2025

The January 8, 2025 meeting was called to order by Jill Pfister President at 5:32 PM other officers attending were: Christi Lockhart outgoing president, George Simon II Treasurer, Teresa Magill Assistant Treasurer and Salena LaSalle on zoom, Karen Parsons incoming Member at Large, Gary Watson incoming President, Linda Asebrook incoming Secretary, Pam Bennett, Beth Brooks and with 20 members present due to weather and 24 on zoom. President Jill Pfister asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2024 meeting. A motion by Donna Myers and seconded by Marianne Ober 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 December 31, 2022

Total Cash Balance: \$69,159.07. Total assets: \$79,979.88. The Treasurer's report will be placed on file for audit.

George reminded us that dues and recertification are due and thanked all who brought in checks. George's address is: George Simon II 1315 Ryan Ct. 45503 and the dues for 2025 are: \$35.00.

George presented the budget for the 2025 year. Questions and discussion were asked and then President Pfister asked for a motion. George Simon II made a motion to accept the budget as presented and Deb Brugger seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pam Bennett Report:

There will be a hydroponic seminar on February 7, 2025.

Kiwanis presented documentation on the Children's Garden – explaining all the workings of the equipment for future reference. The Golf carts were delivered and training will be scheduled for the chairman of all committees. 32 trees were planted by Springfield forestry and assistance will be provided by them to help in maintenance.

Beth Brooks Report:

Quick update on recertification for 2025. Thank you to everyone for logging into HOC and completing this important requirement for maintaining active MGCV status. Our county is doing pretty well. There are only about 12 or 13 MGCV who have not started their paperwork yet and most of those are special cases or there are extenuating circumstances. Reminder that in order for our county to obtain the Standards of Excellence award all our MGCV must have reported their hours in HOC and completed their recertifications including signing the required MGCV policy and agreement forms. Our state support fees must also be paid so please remit your membership dues to George as soon as possible.

The January newsletter is coming. The holidays put us a little behind and some people have been under the weather. Plus, Linda McCann's husband has been in the hospital.

I included detailed information in my newsletter article, but the city forestry crew just planted 32 new trees in SPGA for us as well as the 5 corkscrew willows that have been taking up residence in the MGCV nursery for several year now. I took some pictures for the newsletter but let me tell you those guys have some awesome equipment. They have an auger on their

track hoe that is just massive! We have decided to keep the SPGA Garden Workdays on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Salena will be adding them to the 2025 MGV calendar soon. With that being said, if anyone would prefer to adopt an area or garden bed for the season, please let me know. For instance, the Rose study garden, Hydrangeas East / West, SPGA Entrance Garden or Fallen Log area.

We are starting to get a pretty good handle on who in the office will be taking care of which tasks for the program. Salena will be handling the scheduling for anything in the office and the calendar on the website. I will be managing all the events and educational programs in SPGA and scheduling for the Pavilion, clubhouse, etc. Please copy both of us on programs, events and calendar requests and any changes so that everyone is on the same page.

As you have probably heard, the new golf carts have been delivered. I have gotten duplicate keys made and we will be creating a system for garden chairs to reserve and check out the keys to a cart during their workdays or tours. Garden chairs will need to be trained on the carts prior to using them. We will also be making a calendar to manage the charging routine.

Soil testing. Pam has kits so that we can test the annual beds and the Victory Garden soil prior to planting this year.

Feature Garden plans: I am hoping to work on further landscaping of the beds along the patio by the clubhouse with more shrubs. Pam would like to create a patchwork of SunPatiens in the remaining annual beds for this year. I am not sure if we will be able to get unrooted cuttings donated again or if we will need to purchase flats; but George assures me that there is plenty of money in the budget.

Greenhouse Committee:

The cleaning date is January 28, 2025 at 9:00 AM until noon, 1515 Mitchell Blvd. ALL Master Gardeners are invited just bring your rubber gloves!!!!!!

Docent Committee:

January 21, 2025 at 1P to 3P meeting, bring ideas to the Small Conference Room

Education Committee:

January 23, 2025 11A to 1P meeting in the Large Conference Room

Golf Outing:

Date will be August 22, 2025 – Rain date will be September 5, 2025

Plant Sale:

Deb Brugger reported that we will be ordering more flowers this year and more new colors. The first meeting is January 14th at 1PM and all master gardeners are invited. Other meetings are set up for February 11, March 11 and April 8 from 1P to 3P

LWN Committee:

It was reported that Donna Meister's husband passed away, her address is:
2746 Northbourne Dr.
Springfield OH 45506

Pictures for the Yearbook:

Karen Parsons will be taking pictures at the next general meeting on March 12, 2025. Red shirts are requested and more information will be forthcoming.

Night Weeders:

Joyce Watkins will be chairman of this committee. If interested, please sign up on HOC

Perennial Committee:

The first meeting is January 14, 2025 at 10AM in the small conference room.

Old Business:

President Jill Pfister announced a reminder to please enter your hours and recertify asap.

New Business:

Strategic Plan – Feb. 17 and 24 Meetings, times are 9-12PM Brian Raison from OSU will be attending. If you are interested in attending, please check with Beth.

Ohio Plein Air will spend an entire day painting various images at SPGA and more details will follow. A public tour is scheduled for June 21, 2025

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Connie Mitchell and seconded by Donna Myers to adjourn at 6:35 PM. Motion passed.

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Recording Secretary