

**Benton County Master Gardener Association
Board Meeting – October 11, 2021**

**Zoom Meeting
9:00 am – 1100 am**

Attending: Marge Alig, Deborah Hobbs, Deb Kern, Paula Lupcho, Alan Taylor, Jana Tindall, Nancy Tovar, Lynn Trimpe, Rich Taylor, Frank Garcia, Diana Allen, Elizabeth Records
Guest: Rosalind Hutton

The meeting was called to order by President Deb Kern at 9:00 am.

Gardening Moment:

- Paula is pulling all her tomatoes and making tomato sauce.
- Alan has tilled over his garden and all the grapes are out of the vineyard.
- Deb turned on the heater to their greenhouse.
- Marge said the aspen are peaking in Colorado!

Minutes: The minutes for the September Board meeting were unanimously approved.

President-Elect

Jana Tindall

- Nomination Committee Update
 - Deb Kern - past president
 - Jana Tindall – president
 - Mary Mellard – president elect
 - Paula Lupcho - treasurer
 - ?? - VP for programs
 - Cynthia Roller and Wendi Gale – secretary
 - Fred Pahl and Alan Taylor - members at large and Frank Garcia will continue
- Jana will attend the Dig and Divide tomorrow and try and recruit for vice-president

Treasurer's Report

Lynn Trimpe

- Monthly Review - No new activity in September.
 - Checkbook balance: \$73,627.92 and savings balance: \$96.74
 - Total CD balance: \$112,633.73
 - The total assets of the association are \$186,358.39.
- Select Finance Committee
 - Anticipated budgets to Marge by the end of October.

Extension/Board Discussions

Elizabeth Records

- OSU Updates:
 - Noncredit education does not require vaccination verification (most MG activities).
 - Thanks to members of CGET, Insights, Paula Lupcho and Kathi Tucker for helping clean the storage unit at the Extension office!
 - Mid-November applications will go out for potential 2022 trainees
 - Elizabeth is soliciting volunteers to assist with Garden labs
 - Elizabeth has sent out notification/forms for continuing as a Master Gardener

Presentation: IMGC 2021

Rosalind Hutton

- BCMGA Joining the Digital Age (Whether we like it or not)
 - Take Away: It's not about bringing people to us it's about us going to the people
 - We can do better! Our website doesn't format correctly for smart phones
 - We live in a digital age. Most people under 40 will use Google for answers.
- Discussion
 - Choose one platform and do it well – such as a website and Facebook
 - Why did we originally develop our own website? Wasn't it targeted for members and not the public?
 - If we do nothing else, our website must format for mobile devices

President's Report

Deb Kern

- Committee review
- Committee Year end reports due Nov 30
- November Board Meeting (Nov 8) □ time change to 8:00 am – 10:00 am
- Insights Into Gardening – cancelled for this year
- Plant Sale committee

Vice-President

Alan Taylor

- Upcoming Programs
 - October – Zoom meeting with a panel discussion of committee chairs with the aim of recruiting future members, followed by vote on slate of officers for 2022
 - November – TBD
 - December – hoping for a Greens Party!

Membership

Deborah Hobbs

- Dues/Associate Members
 - Deborah will work with treasurers for developing 2022 Directory
- Lifetime nominations
 - Jana Tindall nomination for Lifetime Member for 2021
 - **It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to select Jana Tindall as Lifetime Member for 2021.**

OMGA Rep

Rich Taylor

- The PNW Handbooks are in the Extension office

Gearing up for Gardening

Paula Lupcho

- Cancelled this year

Good of the Association

All

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am

The next BCMGA Board Meeting is scheduled by Zoom for Nov. 8, 2021, from 8:00 am – 10:00 am