Grays Harbor/Pacific County Master Gardeners
Board Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2019


Hugh Barrett called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m.

The agenda and last month’s minutes were approved.

Announcements:
Kelly Rupp suggested that we have a semi-monthly reminder to the members of all our activities during the summer.
Margi Slabaugh announced that Debbie Knight agreed to become our photographer and historian.
Elizabeth Sims wanted to know if we have any changes to add to the new job descriptions. Cindy Burton would like it added that the person currently holding an office train the newly elected person.
Jude Armstrong reminded us that education is a big part of our “job” as Master Gardeners.

There was a discussion on how we influence people to volunteer. There was a short discussion.

North Beach: Sushila Ravard reported that Ocean Shores has agreed to partner with SeaMar Medical to work with their diabetic population. The same holds true for Tahola.
The following organizations have planted beds at the Demo Garden: North Beach Highschool and the Girl Scouts.
Sushila also reported that the Ocean Shores food bank is buying land next to the garden and is planning on a new building.

Treasurer: Bev Arnoldy is Sharon Kulish-Bayles’ proxy today.

Demo Garden: Sharon Kulish-Bayles announced that, financially, the G.H. Demo Garden and the Ilwaco Demo Garden are neck and neck.

Scholarship Committee: Trish Bradbury says she needs to know to whom she should give the money for the scholarship. After a short discussion, it was determined that the college or university will request the funds once the winner is enrolled.

State Representative: Karen Russo announced that the next state meeting will be on June 4th in Wenatchee.
Coordinator: Elizabeth Sims reported that the new State Coordinator is Jennifer Marquis. Their next meeting is June 5th and 6th.

Master Gardener of the Year: According to Karen Russo, we should send the information and forms to nominate a person to the entire membership. She added that it is an enormous process.

Demo Garden: Cindy Burton reported that they are working on getting the Demo Garden declared a Wildlife Friendly Garden.

Home and Garden Show: Terri Small said that this year’s show will be GREAT!

The Proposed New Building:

Cindy Burton reported. We are now in the pre-construction phase. We have already approved $2500.00 for engineers and or contractors to get a plan and a cost for the project. We are going to take it forward as far as we can. The three phases should be complete late summer/early fall 2021. There was a long discussion concerning engineers and contractors. Cindy would like to be informed if any board member has a recommendation.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Submitted by Kathy Eko, Secretary