

Greene Co. Master Gardeners  
Zoom business meeting  
May 11, 2021 @ 1:00 pm

President Dan welcomed all to the regular business meeting at 1:02 pm. This meeting is being recorded. There were 27 participants online for this meeting.

**1. Minutes**-Garry Abfalter made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 3rd business meeting with a second by Sarah Preston. Motion passed.

**2. The financial report** by Skip through April 30, 2021

Received 1-30 Apr	\$ 0.00
Expenditures 1-30 Apr (non-rstr)	\$ 216.71

Checking account Balance Apr 30 - \$10,664.76

Restricted Funds Mar 31, 2020	<u>(\$1,328.00)</u>
Restricted Funds Spent in Mar	\$ 0.00
Checking Account Cash 02/28/21	\$ 9,336.76

Unspent Obligated 2021 Budget Fund (\$9,633)

04/30/21 Available Cash	
Checking Acct.	\$9,337
Savings	\$2,060
CDs	<u>\$5,250</u>
Total	\$16,647

Forecast Net Cash 12/31/21 \$14,790

Project Expenditures vs. Project Budget  
January 1, 2021 to April 30, 2021

Spring Valley Bike Path	8%
Shade Garden @ Owen's Place	23%
Social Media Advertising	14%

Reimbursement requests can be made to Skip by either email or USP mail. If mailed the the extension office, the process is much slower than mailing directly to Skip.

**3. Old business**

- Meeting schedule-
  - June 8, 6:30 PM - Oakes Quarry in Fairborn
  - July 13, 6:30 PM - Beaver Creek Wetlands
  - August 10, 6:30 PM - Little Miami River Farms

- We may have a short Zoom business meeting in July or August to complete required bylaw actions.
    - Aug or Sept – Fall Picnic
    - Oct – Annual Meeting
    - Nov – Final 2021 Business Meeting
- Plant sale-Pam Carter says “Thank you” to everyone who helped or brought plants. There were 67 paying customers. A total of \$1,563.45 was raised.
- Continuing education-Jane Worth presented upcoming events. Please check the following websites for more information.
  - [Mastergardener.osu.edu](http://Mastergardener.osu.edu)
  - [Cuyahogamg.org](http://Cuyahogamg.org)
  - [www.midwestnativeplants.org](http://www.midwestnativeplants.org)
  - [www.meec.center](http://www.meec.center)
  - [go.osu.edu/twins](http://go.osu.edu/twins)
  - [Go.osu.edu/everyonecangarden](http://Go.osu.edu/everyonecangarden)
  - [www.osu.zoom.us](http://www.osu.zoom.us)
  - [Calendar.cincynature.org](http://Calendar.cincynature.org)
- Sarah Preston presented the phenology report for May 11th.
  - GDD 2020=312
  - GDD 2021=394
- Question of the day –
  - Are Asian Jumping Worms (*Amyntas*) good for your garden and where do they come from? No, they are epi-endogeic (top soil dweller) and parthenogenetic (lay eggs).
  - Asian jumping worms are very invasive and destroy nutrients in the upper soil.

There are currently 33 participants on line.

#### **4. New business**

##### 2021 GCMGV Goals

1. Develop a vibrant grant program
2. Improve revenue streams
3. Increase educational aspects of projects
4. Improve project and committee support
5. Increase community involvement
6. Improve GCMGV satisfaction
7. Assist 2022 intern class recruitment

##### 2021 Objectives:

Objectives Special committee - Jane Worth (C), Sarah Preston, Arlon Zabel

## Action items for May:

1. Grants
2. Intern Scholarships
1. Develop a vibrant grant program.
  - a. Interface with the Grants Committee in the overall management of grant activities throughout the GCMGV operations in 2021. (Grants Steering Group)

## April Actions:

1. Steering Group met
2. Steering Group and Grants Committee met
3. Draft 2021 Grants Baseline (Grants Steering Group)

## 2021 Grants Baseline (DRAFT)

- a. Items to make projects more accessible and enjoyable
    - People comfort, access, utility and information
  - b. Portable Accessibility Garden – one for ed/demo and one for season use
    - Nursing home, senior living, school, church
  - c. Landscape front of Extension Office
    - Make entrance appealing and welcoming
  - d. Educational/informational signage for projects
    - Signs for each project identifying its intent and key elements/contents
  - e. Establish education/demonstration gardens adjacent to Extension Office
    - Demonstrate different types of gardens and support programs held at Extension Office (e.g. Raised Bed, Square Foot, Xeric, Accessibility, Foodscape, Shade, etc)
    - Multi-phased
  - f. Pole Barn Pavilion for outdoor educational center – multi-use facility
  - g. Fund intern tuition assistance programs
1. Develop a vibrant grant program.
    - b. Present training to the membership at a business meeting on how to identify potential needs for grant funding and the required documentation to submit a grant request. (Grants Standing Committee)

## Actions:

1. Inform members/project managers to watch for potential grant projects (Grants Steering Group)
2. Inform members of the process (Grants Steering Group)

## Objective actions

### 2021 Grants Process

- a. Pass suggestions to a Grants Committee member

- b. Grants Committee discuss and make recommendations to Grants Steering Group
  - c. Grants Committee provides feedback to suggestor
  - d. Grants Steering Group reviews and establishes a priority (e.g. high/low)
  - e. Grants Steering Group asks Grants Committee to gather information and prepare package
  - f. Package submitted to the Grants Steering Group
  - g. Package finalized and submitted to grant agency
  - h. Grants Steering Group provides feedback to members on project status
- May's Objective Focus

7. Assist recruitment for the 2022 Intern Class

7b. Provide five (5) \$100 tuition scholarships to individuals who demonstrate financial need to participate in the 2022 intern class.

(Recipients will not be identified.)

Execution steps –

a. Intern Scholarship Team

Jane Worth – Chair, Jim and Pat Hammond– members

b. Actions

Building an implementation plan – how and when

Work closely with Program Coordinator

Membership is key

Further updates to come

Dan will send out the baseline draft and grants process via email.

Summer Meeting Schedule—Activities Committee

- June 8, 2021 Guided Tour of Oakes Quarry,  
1267 E. Xenia Drive, Fairborn    Coordinator-Debbie Downes
- July 13, 2021 Guided Tour of Siebenthaler Fen Boardwalk  
1998 Fairground Rd., #1952, Dayton 45434    Coordinator-Jane Worth
- August 10, 2021 Little Miami Farms (rain date 8/17)  
3391 Cemetery Road, Xenia 45385    Coordinator-Susan Richardson

*Tours will start promptly at 6:30 and last about 1 hour, followed by a short business meeting. Look for further information about directions. Bring a chair (for the business meeting) and your own drink. No food will be served. Additional information will be provided as we get closer to the meeting dates.*

Awards Committee-Jane Worth reported on the awards to be presented this year. The forms and descriptions are on the [greene.osu.edu](http://greene.osu.edu) website under Master Gardener.

2021 Dirtiest Jeans Award Deadline: On or before August 15, 2021

2021 Sunshine Award Deadline: On or before August 15, 2021

2021 Best in Season Award Deadline: On or before October 1, 2021

- Largest vegetable
- Most unique flower – color, shape, or size
- Produce with unusual appearance
- Most interesting insect

You must include a picture of your entry to be considered for this award. The entry does not have to have been found at a project or from your own property. However you can not enter an item from a fair or other contest.

2021 Community Service Award Deadline: On or before October 1, 2021

This award will be given to the MGV who grows and donates the greatest number of pounds of fresh produce grown in their home garden or community garden plot. The produce donated must be submitted to the Program Coordinator for the state Grow Ohio program. The Program Coordinator will determine the winner based on Grow Ohio poundage submissions.

## **5. Coordinator's report**

- The website scavenger hunt is complete-each MGV needs to complete
- Coordinator HandsOn Connect training almost complete
- Will be training the trainers who will be assigned MGVs to mentor(train)
  - Different terminology
  - Very intuitive
- Return to projects-continue health checks and COVID restrictions
- Need on-line health checks if attending outside MGV monthly meeting
- Inform coordinator of poundage donated for Grow Ohio and/or MGV award
  - 2021 goal 7,543 lbs
- MGV committees are active and meeting virtually including Microsoft teams
- GC website
  - T-shirts

## **6. Open discussion**

none

**7. Adjourn**-The next monthly meeting will be Tuesday June 8th at 6:30 pm at Oaks Quarry in Fairborn. The activities committee will decide if there will be a short business meeting and let us know accordingly. Denise Wetzel made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Jane Worth. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm. There were 29 participants on line at adjournment time.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Lea Brown  
Greene Co. MGV secretary