

Greene Co. Master Gardeners
Zoom business meeting
March 9, 2021 @ 1:00 pm

The business meeting was preceded by a succulent presentation by Debby Haines and Jeanette Braun. Great job, ladies. Thank you!

President Dan welcomed all to the regular business meeting at 1:30 pm. This meeting is being recorded. There were 31 participants online for this meeting.

Minutes-Debbie Downes made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 4th business meeting with a second by Robbie Nash. Motion passed.

The financial report by Skip through February 28, 2021

Received 1-28 Feb	\$ 270.00
Expenditures 1-28 Feb (non-rstr)	\$ 0.00

Checking account Balance Feb 28 - \$10,713.24

Restricted Funds Jan 31, 2020	<u>(\$1,328.00)</u>
Restricted Funds Spent in Feb	\$ 0.00
Checking Account Cash 02/28/21	\$ 9,385.24

Unspent Obligated 2021 Budget Fund (\$9,850)

02/28/21 Available Cash	
Checking Acct.	\$9,385
Savings	\$2,060
CDs	<u>\$5,250</u>
Total	\$16,695

Forecast Net Cash 12/31/21 \$ 14,706

Skip reported that the person who has audited our books in the past is no longer available and that he has found a retired CPA. Skip informed the membership that the board had approved a \$200. expenditure for the audit. Skip will update the necessary budget documents.

To date, 67 MGVs have paid their dues for 2021.

Old business-Bylaw changes

- Article III (Members), Section 1e, Paragraphs IV, V and VI. Paragraphs should be deleted.** Procedures for return to active status moved to Operations Manual. [Bylaws Committee recommendation: Approve](#) Zoom voting-100% approval.

2. Article V (Board of Trustees), Section 2, Board of Trustees: Term of Office.

Proposed action: ADD a new third sentence: Allows former Board members to serve on Board after one term off Board.

“Following an absence from the Board of at least one full term (2 years), former Board members may serve again in any Board position.”

Bylaws Committee recommendation: Approve

Zoom voting-100% approval.

3. Article V (Board of Trustees), Section 2, Appointment of Board of Trustees: Term of Office. Past-President changed to 1 year term and

made advisory without a vote. No Board member may serve more than two consecutive terms on the Board. The immediate Past-President may serve no more than one additional year in the office of Past-President in an advisory, non-voting capacity.

Bylaws Committee recommendation: Disapprove

Zoom voting-93% vote no with 7% voting yes. A no vote means that this will remain as is.

4. Article VIII (Officers), Section 2, Election of Officers.

DELETE all but the first sentence. Matches up with #2 and eliminates duplication.

“Elections for the President, Secretary, and two at-large members shall be held in odd numbered years and for the Vice-President, Treasurer, and two at-large members in even numbered years. ~~No Board member may serve more than two consecutive terms on the Board; except, the Past-President who may serve no more than two additional years as Past-President. Unexpired vacancies that occur between elections shall be filled by appointment by the Board as provided in ARTICLE V, Section 2.~~”

Matches up with #2 and eliminates duplication.

Bylaws Committee recommendation: Approve

Zoom voting-100% approval.

Dan will make changes and send out to the membership. A big thank you to all who helped in this process.

2021 Business Meeting Schedule (For Planning Purposes)

Feb - May – Virtual

Jun - Aug – Face-to-face? – outdoors?

Aug or Sep – Fall Picnic – Leaning toward Aug

Oct – Annual Meeting

Nov – Last 2021 Regular Meeting

Dec – Board meeting only

Plant Sale

Pam reported that the plant sale is on schedule for May 8th, with set up on May 7th. It will be held at the fairgrounds in one of the buildings, yet unnamed. She needs donations of house plants, herbs, vegetables, annuals, perennials, gently used pots and/or garden tools. See Pam with any questions.

Op manual

Preparing updates to the Operations Manual.

1. Action required to return to active MGV status
2. Revised Grants Committee
3. Added Grants Steering Group

The board will be voting in April regarding these updates.

2021 Continuing Education (Virtual Programs)

Greene County Programs

- The Drunken Botanist 6:30-7:30 PM Thurs, Mar 11

Happy Hour & Lunch and Learn

- Annuals Field Trial Results 4:00-5:00 PM Wed, Mar 10
- Glyphosate: Facts, Hype 12:00-1:00 PM Thurs, Mar 18
- Monarch Conservation 4:00-5:00 PM Wed, Mar 24
- How Plants get to Market 12-1 PM Thursday Apr 1
- Vermicomposting 4-5 PM Wed, Apr 7

Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden's (CZBG) "Zoo's Best" Plant Trials

- "Natives" 2:00-3:00 PM Thurs, Mar 11

Welcome Spring! Authors Speaker Series

- Doug Tallamy "The Nature of Oaks" 10-11 AM Mon. March 22
- Heather Holm "Wasps: Role as beneficial insects and pollinators of native plants" 10-11 AM Tues. March 23
- Bryan Danforth "The Solitary Bees" 10-11 AM Weds. March 24
- Olivia Carril "Common Bees of Eastern North America" 10-11 AM Thurs. March 25
- Mary Gardiner "Good Garden Bugs" 10-11 AM Fri March 26

These webinars are free but you must register at <http://go.osu.edu/springauthors>

Sustainable Gardening in Your Backyard

- Denise Ellsworth: Landscapes for Pollinators 7-8 PM Thurs 3/18
- Judy Semroc: Fascinating World of Insect and Plant Interactions 7-8 PM Thurs 4/15
- Judy Semroc: Important Late Summer and Fall Plantings to Aid Pollinators and Migratory Species 7-8 PM Thurs 5/20

(For Registration contact Denise Ellsworth at Ellsworth.2@osu.edu)

"Saturday Gatherings in the Garden" 10-11 AM \$5 per session
Register at cuyahogamg.org

- Gardening for Pollinators March 13
- Vegetable Gardening 101 March 27
- Tomatoes April 10
- Container Vegetable Gardening April 24

The Secest Arboretum annual pruning workshop Mar 19, 2021 10:00-11:30 AM

Register in advance-

https://osu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8QtRm0JJTS6fSCTLwgIcXg

Trevor will be presenting "Backyard critters" next Thursday. Trevor will also be presenting "Pesticides" tonight at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Historian-

The board approved Elizabeth Bustle as our first historian. She will maintain an organizational history, write about stories of interest as they develop and release an annual history next March 1. Let her know if you have an item of interest.

Phenology report

Arlon reported that Greene County's growing degree days are at 13 today. It was 49 one year ago today. Silver maples are budding, native bees are out and weeds are out. Cool weather crop seeds such as cabbage, etc should be started now or asap. Soon it will be potato planting time.

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

These goals were sent out earlier today to all the membership.

Word of the month-

Allelopathy -which came from the BYGL word of the week.

Activities Committee Report

- Members: Debbie Downes, Susan Richardson, Bev Taylor, Jane Worth, Rosann McCuddy
- Trips for MGVs: Preview state conference trips (June, July, August) Oaks Quarry in Fairborn, BC Wetlands and Little Miami River Farms
- Business meeting activities: March Succulents; November seasonal arrangements, Jane Worth
- Other support: spring plant sale, neighborhood night-out, Greene County Fair

Program Committee Report

- Purpose:
 - To support the planning and execution of OSUE Greene Co. sponsored MGV and ANR educational programs
- Members:
 - Starlene Brooks, Elizabeth Bustle, Debbie Downes, Kathy Gall, Sarah Preston
 - Kim Hupman (OSUE Program Coordinator)

Objectives and Accomplishments

- Meet monthly to build-out program schedule, prepare for upcoming programs and review prior events
 - All programs are virtual, require on-line registration and nominal fee (typically \$7)
- Post upcoming program info on OSUE sites (greene.osu.edu, Facebook, OSUE GC News email)
- Maintain a community contact list for promoting upcoming programs
- Standardize program execution tasks and deliverables (speaker coordination, flyers, registration details, etc.)
- Utilize Microsoft Teams for file/document storage and collaboration
- Partner with community organizations to provide MGV speakers as requested (Garden Clubs, Greene Co. Library)

Coordinator's report-

- HOC-no training yet. Kim will train the trainers as soon as she receives training.
- State virtual MGV conference October 14-15, 2021 Pam Bennett
- 2022 Greene Co. intern class-help get the word out, has received some apps
- Greene.ous.edu-health check forms, minutes, cont. Ed, financial-budget, etc

Open discussion-none

Adjourn-The next business meeting will be Tuesday April 13 at 1 pm via Zoom. Jane Worth made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Pam Carter. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Lea Brown
Greene Co. MGV secretary