

Greene Co. Master Gardeners
Zoom business meeting
May 12, 2020 @ 10:04 am

Vice-President Garry Abfalter welcomed all participants to the Zoom meeting. There were 34 participants logged into Zoom.

Sarah Preston made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 2020 business meeting, which was seconded by Skip Mahan. Motion passed by participants voting thumbs up on the Zoom meeting platform.

Treasurer's report -- Skip Mahan

Checking account balance May 1	\$11,469
Projected revenue	\$8,380
Less obligated	(\$14,106)
Projected checking balance 12/31/20	\$5,772
Savings	\$2,060
CDs	\$5,179
Total cash	\$13,011

Obligated Funds - Breakdown -May 2020

Total membership & contributions	\$810
Total fundraising	\$1,790
Total volunteers & education	\$10,056
Total administrative & operations	<u>\$1,000</u>
Total expenses	\$14,106

In the last month, we have had zero income with one expenditure. Skip mentioned that we lost 25% of our estimated income due the cancellation of our spring plant sale and Living Color fundraiser due to COVID 19. Skip mentioned that the board is planning on having a plant sale in the fall.

New business

Phenology report

5/12/2019 Growing degree days 400
5/12/2020 Growing degree days 312

Flowering Dogwood---first bloom 263

Common Lilac---first bloom 315

Beauty bush---first bloom 417 Common

Ninebark---first bloom 478

Bylaws

The proposed changes are--annual dues due date (Jan 31), order of succession – (meeting chair), annual meeting and associated dates, volunteer hrs requirement (20 hrs) (Cont Ed-10), and wordsmithing.

The proposed changes of the bylaws will be sent out for review and will be voted on on for approval at the June business meeting. There will also be a copy on the VMS.

Coordinators report

The next meeting of the state conference will be May 26th. Sub-committees are being formed. Skip is heading up the sponsorship committee. He sent out an email asking for help so please look for that. The speaker team is waiting for Cuyahoga County to announce their speakers before sending out requests to potential speakers. The logo has been selected. A huge thank you to the Greene County Convention and Visitors Bureau for helping with the logo.

Backyard vegetable gardening-part I has 38 folks signed up so far. Wildlife Part 1 - Matt Hunt is May 15th and with Marnie Titchnell on May 22nd. Several MGV's volunteered to help at the fair with the Coffee with a Master Gardener, which is to be held in the conservation hall. The fair board is meeting today as we meet and there should be answers soon regarding the Fair.

Fall plant sale-We plan to hold a plant sale on August 22nd with a set up date of August 21st. It will feature house plants, fall vegetables and perennials. It was suggested to have some gently used tools along with some pots. We were encouraged to split and pot perennials and have them ready for the sale. Consider propagating cuttings from houseplants and collecting interesting items to pot succulents in. Let Kim know what plants you plan to bring. She will be distributing save the date flyers soon.

You can earn volunteer hours by making a Home Horticulture Tips video, see Kim and she will help you get started. The IT team is working on timely pictures and articles to put on the MGV Facebook page. Please take a look at the page and "like" it.

Kim explained the OSU Extension Title Usage policy. See Kim if you have questions.

Per OSU policy, as of now we should be able to go into our gardens on July 6th. Kim will update MGV's as she receives new information.

Kim and Trevor are applying for a research exemption to create larger scale vegetable gardens at Lexington Park in Xenia. This will be done in partnership with the City of Xenia. The exemption must be approved thru OSU before any further planning takes place.

Open discussion

- ★ There are no new plantings planned for the flower beds at the extension office.
- ★ The \$1000. listed in the budget is basically for printing costs.
- ★ The next Zoom business meeting will be June 9th.

Erik Tritsch made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Robbie Nash. The meeting adjourned at 10:42 am.

This Zoom meeting was followed with Trevor Corboy presenting one half hour CE on the topic of Pesticides, part II. There were 32 participants logged into Zoom for the continuing education.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lea Brown
Greene Co. MGV secretary