

Greene Co. Master Gardeners
Zoom business meeting
November 10, 2020 @ 1:00 pm

President Dan welcomed all to the meeting at 1:02 pm. This meeting is being recorded. There were 29 participants online for this meeting.

Sarah Preston made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 13th annual business meeting with a second by Robbie Nash. Motion passed.

News Bulletin Kim reports that the VMS is going away as of 12/31/2020. The group in California that maintains VMS will no longer support it after 12/31. We have outgrown the VMS system. She requests that all the MGVs enter their hours for recertification by 12/1/2020. She will then set up the recertification on the VMS and requests that we complete that portion by 12/15/2020. She is keeping as much of the info from VMS as she possibly can on spreadsheets, etc. We can continue to add our hours until 12/31. We may need to track our activity on paper January through March. There are many unknowns at this point. The new system is named HandsOn Connect. Trevor and Kim will receive training on the new system and will in turn train the MGVs asap.

Treasurer's report by Skip--Monthly Report through October 31, 2020

Checking account balance - 10/31/20	\$9539.96
Restricted Funds - 10/31/20	\$2925.

Checking account cash 10/31/20	\$6615.
Savings	\$2060.
CDs	\$5179.
Total	\$13,854.

Forecast net cash 12/31/20	\$7,252.
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Old Business

GCMGV Operations Manual-Garry Abfalter and the board should be able to wrap up the manual at the December board meeting. Dan will send out a copy of the manual via email when completed.

Standing committees-Dan reminded the MGVs that there are still openings on standing committees. The target is five per committee and he is still taking sign-ups. Reapply if you want to stay on a committee. Each committee should meet by December 1st via Zoom and select a committee chair and notify Dan and Kim of that decision. Plan to have committees up and running by 1/1/2021.

Ad hoc bylaw change-Pass to Bylaws Committee w/additional changes with a probable vote in February at the MGV business meeting.

Article V, Section 2 & Article VIII, Section 2
Ad hoc Committee Report - Pam Carter

Recommendation: (Add)

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

Additional Recommendations: (Change)

- Term of "Past-President" shortened to one (1) year.
- "Past-President" serves as an advisor and becomes a non-voting member of the Board.

New Business

There will only be a board meeting in December, no MGV business meeting. The board will be discussing

- Operations manual
 - Committee chairs
- Historian
- 2021 goals and objectives

Dan will send results of the board meeting.

There is a Zoom Winter Gathering planned for January. The date and time TBD.

Coordinator report

Kim reports that the 2020 state MGV Zoom conference was very successful. There were more than 500 MGVs registered. At the awards program, Greene Co. won the platinum award and Kim won the coordinator of the year award.

The 2021 MGV state conference

- Face to face at this time
- sponsor/exhibitor letters-may resend due to poor response
- Looking for speakers

VMS

- Get hours for recertification into the VMS by 11/30
- Recertification begins 12/1
- VMS shuts down 12/31.

Additional activities

- crop harvest progress- cover crops and forage crops
- pesticide program
- MGV coordinator conference-every Thursday
- Raised bed publication with Jim Jasinski
- 4H self determined projects
- 2021 program planning with program team

We may have a spring plant sale depending on COVID restrictions.

The monthly business meeting day and time survey results will be discussed by the board at their next meeting.

Dan discussed the fall planting schedule. We still have time to plant cover crops. He urged us to complete our planting schedule for this year and plan our 2021 garden by planning our seed and seed planting needs. He urged us to clean up our gardens now while we still have fairly nice weather.

Dan also discussed the spotted lanternfly (SLF). We should become familiar with it and report if seen.

Open discussion

Enjoy the holidays. Winter gathering via Zoom in January. Date and time TBA.

Debby Haines made a motion to adjourn with a second by Dick Baker. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Lea Brown
Greene Co. MGV secretary