

Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
SJC Master Gardener Foundation
12 noon Tuesday July 13, 2021

Meeting Called to order in person at the home of Diana Brooks at 12:15pm.

Present: Lenore Bayuk, Diana Brooks, Dianne Macondray, Diana Stepita, Barbara Orcutt, Jane Wentworth, Alice Deane, Sylvia McKenney, Julia Turney, Sandy Ryan, Nancy Forker, Caitie Blethen, Kate Yturri

Absent: Debbie Young, Vickie Leimback, Sandy May

Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2021 meeting with one addition that Sylvia McKenney was present not absent.

Finance - Nancy

Budget presented and attached

Events/Project reports

Native Plant Sale

-Jane reported that she has met with Darin with Orcas business that does e-commerce website for Salish Seeds/Land Bank. Since Sandy May was unable to attend some technical questions have not been answered or discussed however he will present the board with a proposal after meeting with Sandy to set up a site that can handle Native Plant Sale and possibly Spring Plant Sale and Workshop registration. The proposed software would not be compatible with our current website (which is not working well for e-commerce) and may need a change to a new provider.

-Jane is also in discussion with Eliza Habegger at Salish Seeds about combining efforts to do Salish Seed Plant sale with NPS in spring and do bundling at Red Mill Farm.

-Jane has ordered bare root plants for the spring Native Plant Sale.

2021 Spring Plant Sale

-Alice and Lenore reported that there were many errors likely caused by web site miscounting what was sold and much consternation regarding order fulfillment. Kate added that there were similar problems with perennials. We agreed to encourage the SPS team to meet sometime in the next 2-3 months and come up with recommendations for how to proceed. Lenore asked if the foundation would consider not doing the sale and there was agreement that this would diminish client base, MG volunteers and morale. A plan that allowed both online ordering for Orcas and Lopez along with onsite sale for SJI and all perennials might work but we will wait for recommendations from SPS leads

2021 Garden Workshop Series

-Curriculum presented. Sylvia moved and Lenore seconded that we increase registration fee to \$35 which is previous cost of in person workshop. Discussion was all in support. Motion passed unanimously.

SJI Demo garden update

-Alice reported no problems, garden productive and new volunteers have stepped up to help.

Orcas native plant garden/school garden update

-Kate reported Orcas MGs weeding and although few bee cocoons this year will continue to place in spring.

Lopez heritage apple orchard

-Barbara reported no problems but need to find someone to mow.

Moran State Park heritage apple orchard

-Julia reported only one scion successfully grafted due to age and poor health of trees remaining in orchard. The ranger working with Julia plans to use "propagation balls" to try to develop more stock but in the meantime they will care for the one "Newton Sweet" that was successful.

Program

-Caitie reported WSU Covid updates have mostly been dropped but final guidelines soon out.

-A new office manager has been hired for the extension office.

-New volunteer data base roll-out update mostly successful but some still have not logged.

-Program committee has met less frequently but is trying to decide about venue for September volunteer appreciation social. Kate mentioned Tony's suggestion of Orcas school garden and Caitie is looking at venues on SJI.

-Diagnostic clinic will begin on Orcas at library and SJI at extension classroom in August and be held monthly until October.

-Newsletter published every other month with Caitie, Diana B. and Lene's work. Some concern about placement in recipients internet folders so Caitie will research with Judy Winer's help.

2022 training in planning stages but one Orcas Home Horticulture graduate will be starting internship to become MG.

Old Business

None

New Business

-Sandy Ryan welcomed as new director from SJI.

-Debbie Young woke with illness and unable to attend but also welcomed as a director from Lopez.

-A request from some Orcas and Lopez MGs that Zoom access be continued for MGF BOD meetings be explored. Judy Winer will be consulted about this possibility.

-SJC MGF will donate signed copies of Thor Hansen's "A Triumph of Seeds" and "Buzz" for state conference silent auction. Caitie will discuss with Thor this week and get back to Kate with plan to acquire and send.