

Ozark Prairie Master Gardener's Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2020 Hunter Civic Center

OPMG members met at 6:15 to enjoy pizza and conversation prior to the meeting. President Earlene Britton called the business meeting to order at 6:35 with 20 members present.

Opening Procedures

Secretary Clarice Nelson announced two corrections to the August minutes: Sheila Morse is the correct spelling of that name, and David Franklin should be David Trinklein. Motion by Joann, second by Carol B. to approve minutes as corrected. MC. Treasurer Marilee Poulter reported the following balances: \$8,058.98 Savings, \$1719.05 Checking, \$300.00 Petty Cash for a Total Balance of \$10,078.03. Bills presented: \$88.50 by Earlene for pizza, \$10.92 by Joann for drinks, and Earlene reported a donation of \$6.40 from the Community Garden bucket. Motion by Andi, second by Candace to approve. MC.

Peggy H. collected member's hours for the past month. It was noted that MoMGA has frozen all hour requirements for this year. However, our continuing education hours are NOT suspended. See Andi if you have questions.

Committee Reports

Community Garden Mary Ella reported that the cole crops have been planted. She would like to have a work day on a Saturday afternoon to winterize the beds sometime in October after the first frost.

Pollinator Garden Joann had samples of both wild blue indigo and white indigo seed pod stems for members to view and share seeds. She explained the germination process but warned that they were rather difficult to get going. She also observed that the pollinator plot has become a true prairie with a genuine succession of typical prairie vegetation. The New England Aster is thick and full of bees. One swamp milkweed remains but several common milkweed plants are growing. She recommends leaving the plant material until after the first killing frost. At that time, members could consider conducting a supervised burn at the plot.

Education/Advance Training Andi reminded members that the Tool Talk is reserved for MG members only but you need to be registered prior to the meeting on Oct 6. Call the extension office to register. The attendance is limited.

MG training classes are scheduled to be conducted online via Zoom or in person for a limited amount. These are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 – 4:00 starting October 6 and running through Nov 10. Cost is \$200.

Motion by Dan B, second by Larry Lackey to increase our scholarship to \$100 for individuals who take this class and then join OPMG. MC.

Yard of the Month Carol J. scheduled the last contest of the season for Thursday, October 8. Meet at the Community Garden at 9:30 a.m. to judge yards.

Plant Sale Joann reported the Plant Sale committee recommends the following changes and policies for the 2021 sale:

1. 2021 sale is scheduled for April 24, 2021.
2. Back off working with the High School because of Covid concerns this year.
3. Scale back on the number of different types of plants.
4. Consider looking at purchasing plugs and using the seven greenhouses owned by OPMG plus those owned by Joann and Dean to grow out the plugs.
5. More information will be coming after the next meeting. The flower portion of the committee will meet soon to order early.

Motion by Andi, second by Dean to allow up to \$500 for ordering plants and materials for plant sale. MC.

Old Business

Day Trip To Sheila Morse's home Depart from Dan and Earlene Britton's house at 1:25 on Sunday, September 27. For those driving from another location, Morse's address is 508 Georgene Rd, Greenview.

Another Trip Andi suggested a trip this fall to the Springfield Botanical Garden. She will have information available at the OPMG October meeting.

MoMGA Meeting All activities have been cancelled. All reservation monies have been refunded. Dan reported MoMGA has a nominating committee looking for candidates for some offices. The next meeting is November 6 via Zoom at the extension office. Awards for Excellence will be announced during this meeting.

New Business

MG Core Class (See above in Ed/Adv Training) Joni is not sure whether or not she will need OPMG members to help host the classes.

Mentoring Program Joni is still checking to see who has signed up for MG classes.

Multi-County Dinner Earlene has no information yet on this but she will contact the others to confirm whether or not it has been cancelled.

November meeting OPMG can consider having the November meeting at our Sept. meeting.

Christmas Party Earlene will check with the Country Club to see if we could reserve Dec 3. Dan reported he purchased a concrete angel to give to Pastor Laura.

Master Gardener Minute Amy Todd surprised the club with a lovely pitcher of fragrant lemon balm and artemisia. She was congratulated on recently celebrating her 60th wedding anniversary.

Adjournment Motion by Heather, second by Larry Lackey to adjourn. MC.
Clarice Nelson, Secretary

Next Meeting: October 22, 2020 at Hunter Civic Center

Pizza 6:15