

**Union County Master Gardeners
October 28, 2009**

Volunteer hours earned: 1 hour

The meeting was opened by President, Marcia Lee.

The secretary's report as posted on the web was approved with corrections to spelling of names Barbi Conaway and Sheila Sands.

Treasurer, Sheila Sands, reported a balance of \$4,507.76 in the treasury.

A special guest, Grandma Flowers the Clown, alter ego of Master Gardener, Anna Swackhammer, was introduced. Grandma Flowers entertained us with gardening stories and led us in a rendition of Row, Row, Row Your Boat with kazoos found in goodie bags that she distributed.

Committee Reports:

Recognition Banquet – Roberta Gordon reminded us of the banquet on November 11 at Der Dutchman. The Social Time begins at 6:15 p.m. with dinner served at 7:00 p.m. The cost per person is \$17.00. The speaker will be Bill Dawson from the Franklin Park Conservatory who will speak on Community Gardens.

Nomination – Roberta Gordon presented the slate of officers for 2010

President – Marcia Lee

Vice-President – Harvey Goertz

Secretary – Audrey Hall

Treasurer – Nancy Mead

There were no additional nominations from the floor. The slate of officers was duly elected.

The *Constitution Review Committee* consisting of Roberta Gordon, Laurie Lowe and Karen Long will meet and make a proposal for clarification of several items in the constitution at the beginning of the year.

A year end review report was distributed for everyone to fill out. This will help with the planning of next year's programs.

Photo Contest – There were numerous entries in the categories Flowers, Nature and Landscape. The winners will be announced at the recognition banquet.

McCloud Park – Pat Houser said that the park has been put to bed for the winter. Hundreds of tulip, daffodil and grape hyacinth bulbs were planted this week.

2010 Garden Tour – Laurie Lowe had a poster of the selected gardens on display. Scott's headquarters will also be on the tour. Monthly meetings will begin in January.

Coordinator's Report – George mentioned several upcoming education opportunities including the OSU Nursery Short Course and CENTS Show January 24-27 at the Convention Center. He will be sending an email to the group with detailed information.

Nancy Mead was the winner of the attendance award. She won a \$50 gift card to Oakland Nursery.

Those attending:

Kathy Altizer

Laura Blumenschein

Chris Burnard

Patsy Bushdorff

Barbi Conaway

Carolyn Gibeaut

Roberta Gordon

Joan Griffin

Audrey Hall

Amber Haynes

Mary Ann Haynes

Mary Anne Housel

Pat Houser

Denise Kanet

Johanna Keiser

Gloria Laylin

Marcia Lee

Laurie Lowe

Mary McDonald

Nancy Mead

Barbara Ramm

Sheila Sands

Anna Swackhammer