

Volunteer Master Gardeners of Union County

June 23, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Laurie Lowe, Sara Parker, Penny Rushmore, Chris Burnard, Beth Johnson, Dilu Juvarkar, Donna Gehring, Audrey Kise, Karen Long, Joan Griffin, Bryan Bumgardner, Bill Paloney, Tyler Arvin, Alesia Miller, Sue Timmons, Rebeca Honaker, Nancy Munson, Donna Maley, Virginia McCreary, Dixie Baldwin, Eunice Hornsby, Scheral Greider, John Walkup, Robert Anderton, Jon Weiss, Terri Farley, Kay Covert, Betsy Hauck, Vicki Motz

No Presentation: Our second Zoom meeting Sarah Parker facilitated as Julie is unable to attend tonight. Still unable to meet face to face until after July 6th and more information to come on reopening plan. Stay tuned for updates. Until then, will meet by Zoom since we are having a great turnout. Thank you once again, Eunice, for all your work on this and helping us connect here and during the drop-in meetings!

Business Meeting:

- Secretaries Report was submitted by Beth Johnson – will do a vote for acceptance of minutes following the meeting. Sara will send out and e mail vote for this.
- Treasurer Report by Donna Maley reports no activity since last meeting. Still trying to figure out “bugs on the work sheet” no report was posted prior to meeting due to no change in activity.

Coordinators Report:

- Restrictions remain in place until July 6th per OSU. Not allowed to volunteer with others. Exemptions applied for by Pam Bennett watch for any changes as these will be posted in an e mail. Can count hours in own garden, preparations for plant sale and for vegetable collected for donation.
- Volunteer hours will be tough to get but education hours are available web-based learning through Hort. hour and other offerings. Discussion on how OSU will handle volunteer hours more information to come. Pam Bennett has hours that were used as education can be converted to volunteer hours by using code COVID-19 look to email for detailed instructions.
- New Master Gardeners were each recognized by name by Laurie. Certificates have been mailed and badges will be delivered to your residence. Congratulations!
- The trip to Ecuador will not be happening.
- Stat conference will be September 9th 10th and 11th Virtual fee for Keynote speakers and there will be zoom meetings for the breakout sessions.
- New Master Gardener training will be offered online and will be a mix of online learning at own pace with some face to face. Training has been postponed to 2021.
- Reminder the Diagnostic workshop has been cancelled and will possibly host it next year.
- All donations of produce to pantries need to be weighed and pounds given to Chris Bernard for reporting.

Old Business: none

Project Reports: Most projects are on hold due to COVID and late season to start. The 2019 Garden tour has been postponed to next year.

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Plant sale - set up Aug 7 Sale Aug 8th please plan to donate if we cannot do then we will do a swap or donation. Pot and caring for these plants will count as volunteer time. Reminder to all.

COYC – video shared of this community garden and what the kiddos are doing. They are using the posts for flowers and using the raised beds for vegetable. Great job and on your own! You ROCK!

Meeting time was hearing what each of our master gardeners were doing with their down time and in their gardens. Once again so nice to see or hear from everyone.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Beth Johnson