



OMGA 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Board Meeting Agenda  
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Agenda Item	Discussion/Notes	Discussion Leader
<b>Welcome, Agenda Review</b>	Chris opened the meeting at 3:31 and called roll: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chris (president)</li> <li>● Janet (treasurer)</li> <li>● Guests: Heidi Luquette (OSU Extension), Brooke Edmunds (OSU)</li> <li>● Benton Co. - Rich Taylor, Judith Kenner</li> <li>● Central Gorge - Eric Bosler</li> <li>● Central Oregon - Karen Simonet</li> <li>● Clackamas - Sherry Sheng, Amelia Wilbur, Barb Seekin</li> <li>● Clatsop - Missy Bright (OMGA Database/Listserv), Kaya Diem</li> <li>● Columbia - Karen Harte</li> <li>● Coos - not represented</li> <li>● Curry - Julia Bott</li> <li>● Douglas - Patrice Sipos</li> <li>● Jackson - Colet Allen, John Miles</li> <li>● Lane - Laura Hoover</li> <li>● Lincoln - Laura Strom, Kristi Kind</li> <li>● Linn - Karin Magnuson, Ann Kinkley</li> <li>● Marion - not represented</li> <li>● Malheur - not represented</li> <li>● Multnomah - Rich Becker</li> <li>● Polk - Sharon Hill</li> <li>● Tillamook - Diane Devens, Wendy Kunkle</li> <li>● Umatilla - Cary Wasem-Varela</li> <li>● Wasco - Dana Grayson, Karen Graham</li> <li>● Washington - Leslie Ray, Deb Hansen</li> <li>● Yamhill - Susan Burdell, Nancy Woodworth, Linda Coakley (OMGA Historian)</li> </ul>	Chris Rusch
<b>Agenda Review &amp; Additions</b>	.	All
<b>Approval of the June minutes</b>	<a href="#">Link to minutes on the website</a> Janet made a motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting Colet Allen seconded. None opposed.	All
<b><u>Reports/Information</u></b>		
<b>OSU Extension Guest Speaker</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Introduced self and stressed that she and her office are wanting feedback about how they can work cooperatively with MGs at the state advocacy level and provide support</li> <li>● Extension is working on a budget they will present at the legislative</li> </ul>	Heidi Luquette

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	<p>session which commences in January. By the end of September they will have their presentation to the legislators ready.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heidi is willing to join any chapter meetings via Zoom, just reach out.</li> </ul>	
<b>OSU MG Quarterly Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris will send it out via an attachment with these minutes.</li> </ul>	Leslie Madsen
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report Year to Date</b>	<p><a href="#">Link to the August Financials</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared the report on her screen - 2024 compared to 2023 (last column). There were many requests for line 7 (send a friend) and the bank charges \$10 per month when that balance drops below \$1000. Janet will make a motion to add \$300 to that account so we are not charged the \$10 fee. We have a CD that is generating decent interest for us. Grants totaled \$4000 so far this year. Her budget for next year will ask for an increase in that amount. Revenue from Joy of Gardening increased by almost \$8000, while expenses increased by about \$4000.</li> <li>• Janet makes a motion that OMGA funds an additional \$300 in the send a friend savings account so the balance will be over \$1000. Leslie seconded the motion. Leslie put forward a friendly amendment to read: Maintain sufficient funds in the Send-a Friend account to avoid service charges. Janet accepts the amendment. None opposed - motion passes.</li> </ul> <p>Missy makes a motion to put \$30,000 into a new Certificate of Deposit, term at the discretion of the treasurer. Eric seconds the motion. None opposed. Motion passes.</p>	Janet (via email)
<b>Draft OMGA Budget for 2025</b>	<p><a href="#">Link to the OMGA proposed budget</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change in insurance carrier will result in increased coverage for less money. So administrative budget expenses will go down for 2025. Recommending an increased budget for grants. Depending on the future of Joy of Gardening, Janet plugged in the same projected amounts as the actual expenses and income as 2024.</li> <li>• The proposed budget will be voted on during the November meeting.</li> </ul>	Janet
<b>Database/List Serve</b>	<p><a href="#">Link to the Google Sheet</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current roster was sent out and she is making a couple of updates now</li> <li>• Reduced the number of people on the ListServe as we were being charged for each email on the list. (presidents, co presidents, OMGA reps, alt reps, newsletter editors - others can request to be added). The people who do receive the information should be forwarding it on to members in their chapters.</li> </ul>	Missy Bright
<b>Newsletter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next newsletter will come out this month. She will send out an email with a couple of questions for us to respond to via email. (Response to OSU digging plants requirements for plant sales and any favorite videos). She will also ask us to share photos.</li> <li>• Brooke Edmonds, OSU does not have anything official but has heard rumors. It is on her list to clarify.</li> </ul>	Ann Kinkley
<b>Historian updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Just completed the 2023 historian report. From 2010 to 2023 is current. Please send pictures to Linda with who is in the pictures as her position</li> </ul>	Linda Coakley



	is to document the history of OMGA (located on the website).	
<b>Joy of Gardening Conference review</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great planning team this year. There were 130 responses on the survey and most were favorable. There were some comments about the food, check in for dorms, classroom hosts, etc. which will help develop trainings for hosts, taste test the food before choosing a caterer, and provide different types of classes that don't necessarily count toward recertification.</li> <li>• Should we move forward with a summer event next year? Details would come via committees. Missy made a motion that we move forward with a summer event in 2025. Colet seconded. Missy amended the motion to move forward with an educational event in 2025, time to be determined. Laura seconded. Janet, Eric, Richard opposed. Karen, Leslie abstained. Motion passes with 17 yes votes.</li> <li>• Chris will send out an email soon asking for people to be part of the planning committee. Eric reminded people to read the emails and volunteer for the committee as this cannot be done by only a few people.</li> </ul>	Chris
<b>Josephine County Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will have a discussion about how to bring back MG and other programs that were cut (without OSU) Sept. 19th at the County Fair Grounds.</li> </ul>	John
<b>Advocacy report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pass (since Heidi included some comments about this)</li> <li>• Email Laura with any questions/comments.</li> </ul>	Laura Strom
<b>Website committee report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on the basic underlying structure at this point and then how to navigate to other pages. Not spending a lot of time on formatting at this time. They will use a Wordpress template and will run the new site concurrently as a sandbox while the current site is still the main one to use. They are trying to simply and, at the same time, have several paths to the same information. They invite others to join their work.</li> </ul>	Leslie
<b>MOA Committee Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redoing the MOA. A proposal has been sent to Leslie and she will forward it on to the legal department. There have been a few wording changes (section 4). As soon as Chris has a draft, she will send it out to everyone.</li> </ul>	Chris
<b><u>New Business</u></b>		
<b>Update on Mission/Vision Statements</b>	<p><b>Mission</b> We are committed to sustainable gardening through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnering with OSU to promote and support the OSU Extension Service Master Gardener Program.</li> <li>• Advocating for funding to deliver the Master Gardener Program across Oregon.</li> <li>• Fostering quality continuing education of all Master Gardeners; and</li> <li>• Providing support and guidance for county Master Gardener chapters.</li> </ul> <p><b>Vision</b> Be the go-to resource for guidance and support to the Oregon Master Gardener chapters.</p>	Chris

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vote for approval: Dana made a motion to approve the new Mission and Vision Statements. Colet seconded. None opposed. Motion passed.</li></ul>	
<b>Major changes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dana shared that a greenhouse was damaged so their chapter doesn't have a greenhouse. She asks for anyone who has gone through similar changes to reach out with information that would help them. <a href="mailto:Dana.greyson@gmail.com">Dana.greyson@gmail.com</a> Laura at Lane county would also like information about greenhouses.</li><li>• Karen mentioned they have a new extension agent. (Columbia county)</li></ul>	All
<b>NEXT MTG</b>	November 1st, 2024	