



# MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION OF KING COUNTY

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 9, 2021, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

J. Olson, V. Barei, K. Cartwright (guest), B. Williams, C. Hill, T. Bloor, S. O'Byrne, B. Caredio, M. Watts (ex officio), M. Byrne (guest), J. Sykes, A. Lee, R. Godwin, R. Smith, T. Johnson

Meeting was called to order by J. Olson.

Minutes were accepted as corrected.

There were no nominees for the position of Vice President

A report on the status of the 9/12 was given by Kirby Cartwright

Presently 100 people are registered, the event has earned \$2280. Initial projections were for \$3525. Currently expenses are at \$910. The event is expected to make a profit. An update was given on speakers, tours, and vendors. Contribution buckets will be put out. For people paying entry fees in person they will not be making change. Tools guys will be sharpening tools and asking for donations.

Community Relations Coordinator Transition

Suzi discussed process and results for job announcements for Marty's job. We have 4 applicants. 3 out of 4 responded to requests for interviews. Suzi explained the process for vetting. They will be offering the position to Heather Fuller, clinic leader for Woodland Park Zoo clinic. She has done PTA newsletters. All the candidates were strong. T. Johnson asked how we might communicate to those that didn't get it that they didn't and still keep them in the program and enthusiastic. Across the board all were enthusiastic to help in other ways. Discussion about candidate skills – constant contact – Marty coaching – what to do with the other candidates – B. Williams moves to accept – approved.

MGFKC Website (Tiffany/Marty)

Tiffany provided a briefing on the website at present. We need to decide on new direction for Foundation website. Right now, there is a lot of overlap and it the board needs to decide what is Program and what is Foundation and migrate each to it's own. J. Olson suggests that we do a side by side of present vs. possible future. A discussion of design considerations followed.



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### Program Update (Mary)

Mary provided a quick update on Garden, Education, Clinic, Program Leadership Team and Initiative Status.

WSU is still fine tuning it's Covid Vaccination Requirements. What we know for certain is that WSU is determined to NOT store vaccination records.

Give Pulse is now live with volunteers entering hours.

For the Program Assistant position everything has been submitted to WSU. The process on their end could be few weeks to a few months. Mary has advertised it as part time temporary that may go full time. She has a few applicants with whom she will follow up.

Garden leadership team is still working on signage

Education hasn't met yet.

Growing Groceries is finalizing the schedule for the next set of classes

Training this year will be mostly online. Mary expressed a hope to have a graduation event for trainees at recognition event next year.

Clinic leadership is still concerned with what might happen next year regarding recertification.

Technology Team is working on GivePulse, now shifting to setting up reapplication in GivePulse

### Treasurer's Report (TJ)

TJ Johnson reported that there is not a lot to discuss. Investments are holding. We have received several deposits that came from PayPal. Some of these are money from the upcoming Fall sale. Cash flow improved as a result. Few expense reports were received at the end of the month. TJ Johnson asked that expense reports be submitted in a timely manner. Budgeting is coming up. Are we planning an online sale for next year?

### A'Key Grant Winner (Trish)

The award will be split between Asotin - Garfield County who want to be able to tape their work to be able to post it online and Clalam county which will be using the money to build a green house. This is the last year of the grant.

### Recognition event status (Richelle)

The event is in good shape. CE event looks good. Biggest question right now is will we have an in-person event. For the President's award J. Olson wants to nominate the team that developed



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the advanced training module. J. Olson proposed a team award to tech team and BDG green house and N. Purcell from Soos Creek. Both suggestions were approved.

Board Member report on Special Focus Status

- Education Team – Richelle and Bruce W. – didn't present
- Plant Sale Team – Valentina – will leverage lunch lady role to speak to members about that.
- Donations – Randi- Randi and John Sykes met to discuss fundraising. Want to add a Donate now button to site. Be more intentional with letters in tone, more storytelling, focus on mission of what we are doing. Two letters a year. If that expands donations see if we can hire a grant writer. Discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37

**Next meeting:** Thursday, October 14, 2021, 7 to 8:30 pm