



# MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION OF KING COUNTY

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## DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 8, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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**Directors In Attendance:** Joan Baldwin, Daryl Schlessler, Phil Fordyce, Lin Provost, Linda Kaufman, Dawn Rubstello, Nancy Marshall, Linda Peterson, Trish Bloor, TJ Johnson, Gary Scheider.

**EX-officio:** Sarah Moore

**Members:** None

**Guests:** None

### Agenda

- 7:00 Call to Order (Joan).....5 minutes
  - Welcome – Joan recognized Sarah Moore’s attendance.
  - Approve June 2024 Minutes – Daryl moved to approve; Linda K. seconded; minutes were approved (NOTE - there was no meeting held in July).
  - Draft WSU MOA – the Board discussed the status of this agreement, and the language contained in the current draft. Joan and others reviewed the major changes that have been made. Phil moved to approve the draft MOA for processing; Gary seconded; motion passed.
  
- 7:05 President’s Report (Joan).....15 minutes
  - Meetings held: Joint Counties Meeting- 6/21 & MGFWS Board Meeting – July 17 – Joan updated the Board on these meetings and noted that that several Board members attended each meeting. A general discussion occurred and those that attended felt the meetings were a valuable experience. Joan noted that we heard that other counties are looking into Board succession planning as well and that we could use their experience as our Board moves forward with its planning efforts.
  - Advanced Education Conference (AEC) – AEC sponsorship was discussed, and the Board agreed to fund this year’s event at the current budgeted amount. TJ moved to provide \$250.00 as budgeted for this year’s AEC meeting; Linda K. seconded; the motion passed.
  - West Seattle Garden Tour, 2024 Grant Application – Sarah and Joan worked together to submit a grant for 2025. We heard back that a grant for \$6880 has been



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approved. The grant money will be used to develop additional clinic material in other languages for targeted audiences.

- 7:25 Development Committee Update (Joan).....0 minutes
- No update was provided this month.
- 7:25 MG Newsletter Editor (Joan) .....5 minutes
- Our current editor is stepping down. Joan noted that there are two candidates to replace the current editor. A small group is being formed to interview each candidate.
- 7:30 Cool Plants/Hot Topics Mtg Update (Joan/Gary/Dawn) .....10 minutes
- Planning efforts are underway. Three speakers have been arranged. Joan asked for help getting volunteers signed up to help manage the meeting. The event will be scheduled on September 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 2:30 pm.
- 7:40 Volunteer Recognition Event (Linda P./Suzi) .....15 minutes
- The event is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 am to noon. Light refreshments will be served. A theme was discussed, and the Board agreed that no theme is necessary as the volunteers are most interested in recognition, thank yous, and a chance to reconnect with each other. No handouts will be provided due to budget concerns. A new form to nominate people for recognition will be coming out soon.
- 7:55 Program Update (Sarah).....10 minutes
- Sarah noted that Jim Dalay passed away. He was the cofounder of the Soos Creek Botanical Garden and was always supportive of Master Gardeners. She will send a sympathy card on behalf of the MG Foundation.
  - The DEI team has met with WSU staff and is working on creating a charter.
  - Gina Mutter is the new leader of the Education Learning Team.
  - Our demonstration gardens are very busy this year. Many of the gardens are looking at their individual MOAs and have determined that they need to revise their work and practices to realign with the MOA that is in place.
  - Sarah noted that they have created a team to help manage all the activities that are underway or planned for and to help avoid conflicts and staffing issues.
  - Sarah thanked the Board for sending Nora to the MG training in Ellensburg. The trip was very worthwhile and will help Nora to gain more experience at the statewide level.
- 8:05 MG Badge Replacement Policy (Sarah) .....15 minutes
- Sarah noted that the program needs to provide updates for those people that want to use that first name only for safety issues or want to add pronouns they associate



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with. The program will fund these changes. The program will not fund replacement badges that are lost. She will develop a process that manages replacement badges over the course of a year.

- 8:20 Treasurer's Report (Nancy).....5 minutes
- Refer to financial information Nancy sent prior to the meeting.
  - Nancy reported that income and expenses are tracking closely with our current budget. She did note that that insurance costs exceeded budgeted amounts – this is in line with other insurance cost increases that have been in the news.
- 8:25 MG Foundation Membership & Bylaws/Governance (Daryl) .....30 minutes
- Daryl discussed a proposal to update the Foundation's membership lists for mailing and other business-related needs. Daryl will be sharing his power point with the Board for further review and input.
  - Bylaws revisions will be look at the future, after the State board has finished their updates.
- 8:55 New business ..... 0 minutes
- No new business.
- 8:55 Adjourn
- Linda K. moved to adjourn; TJ seconded; the motion passed.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7 pm to 8:30 pm, on Zoom

References:

See information sent prior to this Board meeting.

Attachments:

None.