

# Cuyahoga County Master Gardener Volunteer Advisory Council Meeting

August 19, 2024

## Notes/Minutes

*Attendance: Sue Pandoli, Gretchen Faro, Claudia Gordon, Thomas Capretta, Anya Milgrom, Dave Appel, Ellen Comeau, Morning Robinson, Tammy Currier, Cheryl Dever, Melanie Biche, Kate Rosfelder, Deb Dougherty, Deborah Osgood*

Meeting called to order by Ellen Comeau. Previous minutes corrected to reflect correct spelling of Kate's last name.

Review of financials: Current net revenue of -\$3,816.53. Discussion of ad costs for telephone Hotline – we should evaluate the value of continuing to pay for ads; they are expensive. Discussion of fixed and optional expenses. Evaluate what we charge for speaker's bureau. Finances filed as reported.

### Tammy Currier - MGCC Volunteer Coordinator:

Printed report distributed. 141 active MGV's. A reminder about hours will be sent out (need 25 vol hours and 10 CE). There are 31 in the Basic Training class. Tammy had a suggestion for the website in the member's section: add a "who to go to if you have a question/issue" page. Her report also included current work and ongoing activities.

### ANR report – Morning Robinson:

Morning is working on securing speakers for Basic Training – the class starts Sept. 3. OSU Extension is hiring another staff person to work with Morning. The Summer Sprout program has still not been officially resumed. Spotted Lantern Fly continues to be a big problem in Cuyahoga County.

### AC Chair Report – Ellen Comeau: No additional items to report

Info card update – Gretchen Faro: Inventory done back in May. There are 7 cards we produce. Card info has been recreated in Publisher and has been proofed. 1,000 cards that we are out of will be re-printed to get us through the season. Will add a card on native plants/invasives.

Annual meeting will probably be held in early March on a Saturday. Independence Civic Center is a possible venue. Susan will reach out to Independence. The annual meeting is not tied to MGCV graduation.

MOTION MADE AND VOTE HELD: Increase Speakers Bureau and Library Speakers contribution to the following levels in 2025:

Up to 25 people: \$50

26-50 people: \$75

51+ people: \$100

\*\*\*Motion unanimously approved. Cheryl will notify Donna who heads Speakers Bureau of the change for the upcoming year.

There was discussion of how to handle memorials considering Paul Schroeder's passing. It was agreed that we already have a memorial plot at Ben Franklin. We will continue to send cards and mention in NYCU. There will be no specific plantings.

Anya brought up potential missing opportunities for MG. There was discussion on how to be more visible in the community. Other organizations are gaining visibility and membership and are active in and present at community events. Advisory Council members are asked to bring lists of other organizations they are in and possible organizations and events that we could present at or staff a table and distribute materials.

There will be a Zoom meeting for program evaluations.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm. Next meeting is November 18, 2024.

*Submitted by Deborah Osgood, Secretary*