

West Linn Garden Club
Minutes
September 11, 2023 General Meeting

Present:

Gordon Piper, President	Judy Hutchinson
Kim Bria, Vice President	Sue Piper
Laurel Buncak, Treasurer	Marcia Prinz
Diane Awalt, Past President	Heather Renaud
Alma Coston	Stephanie Scott
Linda Daugherty	Heidi Streeter
Pat Filip	Gwen VanMeter
Dani Harris	Cheryl Wyborny
Monique Harris	

Guests:

Gisela Davisson
Buffy Rhoades, Education Program Assistant, OSU Extension Services
Stacey Stengel, Certified Master Preserver
Don Wiley, Certified Master Preserver

President Gordon Piper called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

Program Chair Sue Piper introduced our guest speakers, Buffy Rhoades, Education Program Assistant for Clackamas County with the OSU Extension Services, Community Health and Human Services Program, and preservation volunteers Don Wiley and Stacey Stengel. They gave an informative presentation on the latest scientific approach to preserving tomatoes. They answered the many questions from members about canning tomatoes and other foods.

During the business part of the meeting, members unanimously approved the Board proposed budget for 2023-2024 and also approved an increase in dues to \$20, starting with the 2024-2025 fiscal year in July 2024.

Our first fund raising raffle, with a \$30 gift certificate and deer fern from Bosky Dell Natives, netted \$33. Gisela Davisson won the gift certificate and Cheryl Wyborny won the potted fern.

New Membership Chair Cheryl Wyborny noted that we currently have 28 members and that all members are encouraged to invite interested friends and neighbors to future meetings. Our goal is to add 10 new members during the coming year.

Announcements:

- McLean House/Park workday is Sunday, September 17 from 10-1 pm.
- Clackamas District 15 fall luncheon is October 5 in Milwaukee. Gordon and Sue Piper will attend. Others are welcome.
- Gold Star dedication is September 24 in Ontario. Laurel Buncak and Jane Sercomb will attend.
- Sue Piper will present "A Short History of the West Linn Garden Club" at the October 2, meeting.

Towards the end of the meeting, members and guests tapped into the experience of the membership by sharing what was currently growing in their garden and any challenges they faced.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.