

**West Linn Garden Club
Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 22, 2025
Marcia Prinz's Home
2622 York Street
West Linn, 97068**

Present:

Sue Piper, President
Amy Sebastian, Interim Vice President
Linda Daugherty, Treasurer
Stephanie Scott, At Large Member
Diane Awalt, Blue & Gold Star Chair, Clackamas District
Laurel Buncak, Plant Sale Chair
Laura Cox
Wendy Hays
Judy Hutchinson, McLean Park Volunteer Coordinator
Marcia Prinz, Summer Happy Garden Hour Coordinator

Absent:

Elaine Dagget Aye, Secretary
Barb Bourscheidt, Program Chair
Cathryn Viteri, Website Coordinator

Guests:

Mar Connor, Co-Director, YMCA Afterschool Program at Bolton Primary
Emma Reinhardt, Co-Director, YMCA Afterschool Program at Bolton Primary

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Afterschool Program at Bolton Primary: Emma Reinhart and Mar Connor of the YMCA after school program at Bolton Primary described their program and their needs. They are seeking 2-4 adults 1-1/2 hours once a month. Could be free form but hands on. We would need to come up with a project and costs. Could get input from WLGC members. discussed WLGC members involvement. After some discussion, the Board approved developing 4 programs during the school year. Kim Bria has agreed to be the liaison with the program. Wendy Hays said she would help plan the effort with Kim and any others interested.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Linda Daugherty reported that we currently had \$8,802.17 in the bank; that we spent \$919.04 during the month, leaving \$7,883.13 in the account. The Board discussed how much money above what we budget for the year should remain in the account, and agreed that we should keep \$3,000 above the budgeted income, for a total of \$6,490. That leaves approximately \$1383 as our surplus.

The Board approved donating \$500 towards the Oregon State Federation of Garden Cubs (OSFGC) project to install a Gold Star Marker at the Willamette National Cemetery in time for a May 24, 2026, noon dedication (Memorial Day Weekend). The

cost of the marker is \$3,000. Club members are all invited to attend, More details about the dedication program to come later.

McLean Park

Judy Hutchinson shared that the West Linn Department of Park and Recreation requires a different type of signage than we had planned. Sue Piper will reimburse club \$136.53 for material the club purchased, as she can use them in her garden. Judy will find out what kind of signs are acceptable, the cost for each and who will pay. Of the \$600 allocated to McLean Park, \$412 was spent on tools. The remainder in the line item may be used for other needed items to support the volunteers. When we find out the cost of the signage approved by the Department of Park and Recreation, we will add it to the 2026-27 budget.

Allocating Our Surplus

Laura Cox did fact finding regarding donations or scholarships for students at Clackamas Community College and Sabin-Schellenberg Career Tech. After much discussion, the Board approved scheduling a special general meeting in January at which time club members can help develop criteria for how we decide how and where we support our community with our \$1300+ surplus. Amy Sebastian will work with Sue Piper on developing the agenda for that meeting.

Nominating Committee for Spring Elections

Barb Bourscheidt agreed to chair the nominating committee, which will present a slate of officers by April so members can vote before the end of our fiscal year in June. After some discussion about the benefits of not electing all officers at the same time, the Board approved an amendment to the Bylaws to elect the President and Secretary for two-year terms on even years and to elect the Vice President, Treasurer and At Large member for two-year terms on odd years. This year, because we have an interim Vice President, the club will need to elect a Vice President in the spring for a one-year term. We need a slate of persons for new officers by April. The amendment will be presented to the General Membership for ratification at the January meeting,

Need to Keep General Membership Aware of Board Business

Even though minutes and financial reports are listed with a link in the newsletter and on the Club's website, it is clear that very few members ever click through to read them. It was suggested that highlights be shared at our general meetings. Additionally, a print copy of the newsletter will be mailed to members requesting a hard copy, and print copies will be circulated at our meetings.

Next board meeting February 25, 2026 at 7 pm at Laurel Buncak's house, 1549 7th Street, West Linn, 97068

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Stephanie Scott
Acting Secretary