

Minutes for Columbia Grange #267 Meeting on May 1, 2018

Grange Officers Present: Katie Coppoletta, Kellee Boyer, Bev Law, Linden Burk, Rebecca Gandy, Sarah Grigsby

Officers Absent: Maureen Michelson, Carol Mollet, Gary Spoerle, Emily Alderaen, Tim Calderbank, Donna Bierer, Tina Crawford, Caroline Oakley, Donna Hardman, Callie Uleners

Other members present: 5

Katie Coppoletta, Vice President, welcomed everyone in the absence of our President who has guests visiting from Japan. Katie announced that Emily Alderaen had a baby boy (Oryn Benjamin) last Thursday. The action format was followed, and the meeting was officially opened at 7:00 pm. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as submitted.

Bev explained the District “Goodie Baskets” raffle to be held at the OSG State Session in June. The raffle will help support the Oregon Grange youth programs and activities. Our Grange received 5 tickets (\$1.00/each), and everyone present agreed we should send them \$5.00.

Katie stated that at the June 5th Grange meeting we will discuss the October election of Grange officers, which takes place every two years. More information will be provided.

Katie said that the May 4th dance with the The Waysiders band will take place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- “Grange 101 – Back to the Basics” Grange class Sunday, May 20th 1:00 pm. It will be held at the Abernethy Grange #346, 15745 S. Harley Ave, Oregon City. Bev encouraged our members to attend and learn more about the workings of the Grange.
- Plant Share Update: Saturday, May 12th 9:00-2:00. Mikaila said that the plant share will take place outdoors if the weather is nice. She said to bring hand tools for maintenance. Sarah agreed to donate several plant starts as she can’t attend the event. Mikaila asked for volunteers.

REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS:

- Update on Membership Survey: Carlyn shared that many members expressed interest in having more Conversations at the Grange events. Comments received had to deal with visitors in the gorge, school bond consideration, road construction, a clothing program, gorge activities, art classes to be offered, and other issues. She said they received 17 responses to the survey. A few expressed wanting to attend Grange events for free with a paid Grange membership. Carlyn said perhaps they do not know there are expenses involved when our Grange hosts bands, etc.
- Concert/Dance Series Update: Follow-up at the next meeting.
- Conversations at the Grange Series Update: Carlyn said that the June 7th conversation has been postponed until June 14.
- Grange Event – Eagle Creek Fire Update: Thursday, May 10th Carlyn said this event is all set, and Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky is the lead. There will be a suggested \$5.00 donation. We discussed a protocol, so all our members know of the events. It was suggested those without email could be called. Sarah suggested the person in charge of an event could follow up with calls. Perhaps we need a more concise check-off protocol list.

- Grange Table at CAPS SpringFest: Saturday, May 5. Caroline is in charge of the Grange table, and Mikaila will help staff it.
- Committee Event Dates Proposal: Mikaila said that the Ag Committee met, and they propose the following:

May 12, 2018 Plant Share
 September 14, 2018 Movie Night
 September 18, 2018 Follow up to the movie
 November 9, 2018 Corbett Fill Your Pantry, similar to a farmers' market
 January 18, 2019 Local Farmers' Potluck
 February 5, 2019 Pruning Workshop (by Linden)
 March 5, 2018 Pollinator Workshop (by Pam or EMCSWCD)
 April tba Maintenance of Tools and Equipment
 May tba Plant Sharing

It was noted that the Ag Committee needs a projector!

Rain water catchment event: they would like more outreach and get out information for other workshops.

Mikaila said there is an Irrigation Workshop coming up. People need to know where their water comes from. Sarah reported since the Eagle Creek wildfire, the Gordon Creek water shed had many trees and debris fall into the water. She said that it changed the pH of our water. Carlyn will call to see if a "water" workshop could be conducted by EMCSWCD.

Katie suggested that the Ag committee chairman should coordinate and take on all the workshops. That would be a tremendous help to Carlyn.

● Dennis Wiancko's Proposal for a Play Production the first weekend in November: Dennis said that they would like to present "Transfiguration of the Most Excellent Cedar". It is a mystery set in the wilderness. He would like to have the play performed in November; details will be worked out later. Linden moved that our Grange sponsor this event; Rebecca seconded; motion passed. Tickets will be sold at the door or prior to the performance.

● Proposal for Youth Programming: Mikaila would like to have an after-school program at the Grange. It could be similar to what Peace Village offers. Sarah asked how it would fit the mission of the Grange. Mikaila and Lizzie Wilson will have a formal presentation to make to the Grange in the future.

Katherine Ziemann asked to discuss details of a proposed "moth story telling" event to be held at our Grange. She said it would be similar to a one hour radio show where several stories are told. She would like to have this in October. Linden suggested it be in March, after their regular play performance. Katherine will organize the stories. She is invited to our next meeting to further explain her proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Bev Law, Secretary