

MINUTES

Meeting: SEMG Advisory Council

Date: June 14, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Via Zoom

Expected Outcomes:

1. Gather and begin
2. Meet Sandoval County Extension Agent and update from Chair
3. Standing Committees updates, issues, action requested
4. Update from State Advisory Council
5. Finance Committee
6. Feedback from guests

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1a	Gather and begin	Barbara Boyd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome Non-Council Members ● Introduce everyone 	Extension Agent: Rachel Z Barb B, Beth M, Meg H, Kate S, Sandy L, Scott L, Mo C, Penny L, Michelle W Absent: John T,
1b	Protocol for Zoom meeting	Barbara Boyd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Raise hand to be recognized ● Non-Council members will be automatically muted upon entering – questions and comments put into chat 	Nancy S, Ginger G, Vickie M, Fredine L, Jae R, Teresa H, Julie R, Edie F, Mary V, Suzanne B, Janet W
2a	Meet Sandoval County Extension Agent	Barbara Boyd Rachel Zweig	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction of Rachel Zweig ● Sharing from Rachel 	Rachel is excited to be here and grateful for the warm welcome of MGs; she shared some of her background, her life ‘themes’ include sustainability, agriculture, experiencing other cultures, & helping others. She wants to build relationships w Sandoval Co farmers, esp around sustainability (good ag with less water)
2b	Update from Chair	Barbara Boyd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Preparation for the next Working in the Dirt Garden Tour (Rio Rancho/Placitas/Bernalillo) from Julie Rohr – SAVE THE DATE: July 23 from 	-Purpose: introduce project gardens & social gathering, plus 1 hr continuing ed. Order: Placitas Community Library, New Beginnings Garden at Bernalillo’s Our Lady of Sorrows Church, then DeLavy Landscape at the Sandoval Historic Society Bernalillo. Followed by an

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			8:30 to 11:00. Include presentation by Extension Agent	hour for social gathering with Rachel Z. Attendee sign-up will be on line. Rio Rancho Water Wise Garden tour may be later this year. -survey monkey will be sent out early July to project leaders for the reporting of project hours
3a	Standing Committees updates and issues - Membership	Mo Casey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership report 	<p>see chart below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -now 156 total paid current year dues -resigned members (majority have moved) -add Lauren Mainz to Life Members 2022 -still working on membership files at office
3b	Standing Committees updates and issues - Communication	Kate Shadock Scott Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any communication committee updates Update: Donation button on website – Scott and Beth Presentation and discussion of policy for public facing documents to exclude member contact information - Kate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -no graduation newsletter in 2022 (because there will be an in person celebration); -Kate will work on governance policy to exclude member contact info. -Beth created a Donate Button, Scott will post it to the website.
3c	Standing Committees updates and issues - Education	John Thompson Michelle Witte	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation for graduation. Committee recommends October 22 for graduation and annual meeting Update from Meg on venue Public in-person classes will start July 12 at Meadowlark Senior Center – presentation on Peppers Advanced classes for veterans in conjunction with statewide effort <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fruit Trees No Till Critter control Native seed starting Erosion control Restoration Espalier fruit tree workshop Impact of climate Sustainability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -When can we add MG training application to website? depends on NMSU. We probably want to open applications mid-November to give time for candidate interviews (take about an hour apiece). -Graduation on 10/22. We will need a slate of officers by 9/15/22, a month ahead of annual meeting. MG hours need to be submitted by 9/19/22. SEMG would like Rachel Z to attend, and Barb will ask Lynda G to attend (to talk esp about how important volunteers are). -Meg will convene smaller committee to look for graduation venue (Edie and Michelle W) to help. Venue needed from 1-4p; with indoor option; plan for 80 people with chairs, electric power, microphone; (SEMG may own a microphone + speakers?). Finger food (possibly pre-packaged snacks and drinks for all and a ‘graduation cake’; ie not a potluck). Venue ideas: Nave and entry patio space available at St Francis, Rio

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Tree Stewards moving to Canvas in 2023 	<p>Rancho. Martha Liebert Public Library in Bernalillo; Loma Colorado Library in Rio Rancho; Rec Center in Corrales. We are going for simple - no slide show, maybe instead of slides, a large poster with a tally of hours / value added to the county that can be posted outside the lower floor office. If held at Rio Rancho park, reservation fees should be waived.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ed Committee could add water harvesting and irrigation to advanced classes - need to advertise now that MG hours are due by a certain date.
3d	Standing Committees updates and issues – Outreach	Penny Lindgren Sandy Liakus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Information sharing from Committee meeting earlier this month ● Update: Preparing project leaders to submit budgets – what date to be submitted? ● Discussion: Volunteering at Santa Ana ● Shared new business cards with Corrales Growers Market team and Corrales Garden Tour leaders ● Update from Corrales Garden Tour – Charlene’s notes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Outreach did not meet in May. -Beth has been working on prepping project leaders to submit budgets. -no additional info about volunteering at Santa Ana (Outreach feels we need a project leader for this venue) -trifold is still in progress -Barb B read Charlene’s letter of thanks for Corrales Garden Tour MG volunteers. 1041 people purchased tickets! -Sunday is Funday in Rio Rancho (August 21) Penny will write up a request; would like a RR MG to chair this effort and enlist volunteers. Later in meeting, Ginger G volunteered to lead this effort, and Edie F volunteered to help. - SEMG may consider we need an admin line item in the budget to help cover one day events like this.
3	Update from State Advisory Council	Sandy Liakus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update from NMSU EMG Advisory Council 	<p>-6/6 mtg, still working on funding for SouthWest Harvest for Health, a survey will be sent soon to determine how MGs might participate; surveys for 2022 intern training have been received; Lynda G wants to start a Training/Continuing Ed Committee - interested mentors should contact Sandy L if they want to serve; NMSU is considering opening MG training to public (without the volunteer MG</p>

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				commitments) - fees will go to NMSU (not counties); working on national level to make state MGs more uniform; may soon offer fall MG training; Tree Stewards advanced training push - training will be on-demand in August in Sandoval Co. MG, Tree Stewards, NM Forestry, + Trees New Mexico connection; Lynda G still looking for best volunteer management software for recording hours (SEMG notes need for volunteer sign-up capacity too!); National EMG will be held in Savanna, GA in the fall; there is a request for bulk native grass seed for counties burned by fires; desire to unify the badges for NM counties (some shaped like NM, some rectangular).
4	Finance Committee	Beth Murphy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer Report for last month • Approval of costs for outside speakers for next budget 	<p>- revenue from 2022 plant sale: \$600 today plus May \$2356.50 ; \$108 in expenses; Beth, Barb, Meg will work on getting budget fine-tuned with project leaders; conversation about advance classes for MGs with paid speakers - a max of \$2000 budgeted for speakers in 2023; conversation affirmative to ‘give back to MG membership’ with these education opportunities that we can pass along to the citizens of Sandoval County</p> <p>-need to add line item to budget for the entrance fees for MGs to area conferences (from March 2022 Advisory Council meeting)</p> <p>-Michelle W still will continue to sell plants online for fundraising.</p> <p>-need to spend time on budget in July meeting</p>
6	Feedback from guests		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Council members to provide feedback and suggestions to the Council 	<p>-Ginger will take on RR Sunday is FunDay!! Edie F will help!</p> <p>-good to meet Rachel</p> <p>-good meeting, excited about face to face graduation</p> <p>- question for Rachel - what do you want / expect from your advisory council? response: be available to answer questions + support</p>

meeting adjourned at 2:53p

Include Zoom link, agenda, Prior month treasurer report, membership report

Membership Report – June 2022

Active Members

157 Total have all paid their 2021-2022 dues

23 of which are exempt (Life Members)

21 of which are on Leave Of Absence for Year 2020-2021

Inactive Members

153 Total as a result of not paying 2021-2022 dues

Resigned Members – 79

Deceased Members – 16

Addition: Babs Langner and Julia Runyan

Upcoming Life Members

Penny Davis

Joyce (Jae) Riebe