

Marion Soil and Water Conservation District 2011 Annual Meeting

Location: Salem KROC Center
1865 Bill Frey Dr NE,
Salem, OR
Date: September 17, 2011
Time: Official Meeting Time: 6:47PM to 7:50PM
The Event was open to the public from: 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM

There were 76 people in attendance.

Directors in Attendance: Emily Ackland, Carol Storke, Doug Krahmer, Dave Keasey

WELCOME / SIGN IN

Guests were first greeted by Patrick Pirtle and a “welcome” sign, situated in the main lobby of the KROC center directing them toward the facility’s adjoining conference rooms (*the Birch, Cedar and Aspen*) where dinner would be served and the Annual Meeting held. A \$10.00 meal charge was collected from each guest by staff members Jane Keppinger and Susan Ortiz, and each guest was asked to sign a guest list. Guests wishing to partake of dinner were required to make their reservations by September 12, 2011. Reservations received were for 85, however, only 76 people ultimately attended. The rooms were arranged with 12 circular tables, (*each seating a maximum of 8 guests*), a podium, and full slide down screen toward the center of the room. “A Taste of Marion County” was provided for appetizers, featuring foods donated by local producers. A buffet dinner was set up along one side of the room on 2-3 / 6’ rectangular tables (also draped in cloth). The meal included: Hawaiian pork, shoyu chicken, green salad, island slaw, fruit bouquet, steamed rice, Hawaiian sweet rolls, blueberry cobbler and beverage. The KROC’s catering group had decorated each table by placing a circular off-white colored table cloth, and black colored cloth napkins attractively folded; clear glass water goblets and pitchers filled with ice-water. Awaiting each guest was a bag of Sea Salt Potato Chips donated by Kettle Foods, Inc., along with a packet of native flower seeds donated by Heritage Seedlings. The rooms overall presentation was enhanced by the placement of live floral arrangements donated by Egan Gardens.

The staff designed and printed posters commemorating the history of the district; the posters were hung on a wall for guests to view while enjoying appetizers.

Call to Order/Dinner

Jane Keppinger welcomed everyone to Marion Soil and Water Conservation District’s 40th Annual Dinner/Meeting and then introduced the District’s Board Vice-Chair and Director: Emily Ackland. Ackland also thanked everyone for attending the meeting and then introduced the District’s Board of Directors, Associate Directors, Director Emeritus and other distinguished guests, that were present. A slideshow presentation of various district PowerPoint presentations (Urban Stormwater Management, Backyard Conservation) were shown during the meal.

Door Prizes Given

Janice Calkins together with Ron Crouse and Patrick Pirtle then drew door prize tickets from a concealed container and announced a series of winning numbers from the tickets selected. Gifts were donated by numerous businesses in the area – please see the 2011 Annual Meeting folder for more details.

Summary of Accomplishments/Financial Report

At 6:47PM Ackland officially opened the meeting and provided an overview of the evenings outlined agenda and announced she was proud to be involved with the District and the work it is doing. Ackland recognized those attending on behalf of NRCS and OACD; she then recognized the district's staff. She asked everyone to view the 2010-2011 Annual Report for a summary of the accomplishments for the past year and a review of the forty year history of the district, in addition to the posters that were presented for viewing on an adjoining wall. She then turned the podium over to Krahmer.

Krahmer presented details from the District's 2010-2011 Financial Report, Note: Upon each guest's table, there lie copies of the evening's program/agenda which included copies of the District's Financial Report. Guests were enabled to read along with Krahmer as the financial figures were reported.

Awards Presentation Followed:

Ackland along with Keppinger and a select number of Staff members then paid tribute and recognition to several community members who have worked hard to promote conservation work within Marion County. The awards were then presented as follows:

- Nathan Lamkey, "Cooperator of the Year" (*presented by Emily Ackland*).
- Michael Mann, "Spirit of Conservation" (*presented by Scott Eden*).
- Eagle Digital Imaging "Business Partner" (*presented by Scott Eden*).
- North Santiam Watershed Council, "Special Recognition / Partner in Conservation" (*presented by Jenny Meisel*).
- Clair Klock, Teresa Matteson, Susan Sterrenberg, "Thank You" (*presented by Ron Crouse*).
- Dottie Knecht, South Salem High School "Educator of the Year" (*presented by Ron Crouse*).
- Ken Bush, "Distinguished Service" (*presented by Mark Hadden*).
- Patrick Pirtle, "Volunteer of the Year" (*presented by Jane Keppinger*).
- Marilyn Clouser, "Outstanding Associate Director" (*presented by Jane Keppinger*).
- Janice Calkins, "5 Years of Service" (*presented by Doug Krahmer*).
- Jane Keppinger, "10 Years of Service" (*presented by Emily Ackland and Doug Krahmer*).

Meisel also gave acknowledgement to the recipients of the Stan Vistica Memorial 2011 Scholarship Program which awarded: Jaimee Brentano - \$1,000.00 and Lindsay Briley - \$500.00 (*both students are continuing their education through College*).

Meisel advised everyone that the profits from the District's Annual Native Plant Sale are used to fund this program. These scholarships are given to students attending college in pursuit of a degree in the Natural Resources Conservation or related field(s).

Door Prizes Given

Janice Calkins, Patrick Pirtle and Mark Hadden again drew door prize tickets from a concealed container to complete the door prize give-a-ways.

Close Business Meeting

At 7:50 PM Emily Ackland, Board Vice-Chair/Director, officially closed the meeting, thanking everyone for their attendance.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by Susan Ortiz.