

STAFFORD HAMLET COMMUNITY MEETING

Minutes

April 9, 2019

Chair Bill Markt called the April 9th Community meeting of the Stafford Hamlet to order at 7:00 pm at the Stafford Elementary School, West Linn, OR.

Attendance:

- ❖ Board Members Present: Richard Fiala, John Keith, Katy Krider, Jana Lombardi, Patty Mamula, Bill Markt, Mary Moore, Matthew Palmer, Len Schaber, Joe Wikoff
- ❖ Excused:
- ❖ Absent:
- ❖ Staff Present:

Presentations on Pollinators, Gardening, Planting & Bees:

Carol Yamada began by providing an overview of her Plants-4-Pollinators program. She spoke about planting a bee friendly garden with plants that provide food for bees from March to October. Carol also had information and handouts from Metro, the Xerces Society, Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service, and others. She asked the community members to please spray carefully on their land.

Louise Adams spoke about the Master Gardener program. She provided an overview of the Master Gardeners and said her passion is growing food. Jana Lombardi asked if Master Gardener accommodates specific interests of people, and Louise Adams said it can after a person completes the general education courses and volunteer hours.

Bonnie Shoffner from Metro's Native Plant Center gave a presentation on bees. She provided an overview of the different types of bees, where they live, and answered questions. Patty Mamula asked about the massive bumblebees she had seen recently, and Bonnie said they are queen bees. Patty Mamula asked about how to distinguish bees, wasps and flies. Bonnie said that flies have two wings, eyes, and one antenna, while bees have four wings, eyes on the side, two antenna and are fuzzy. Wasps are shiny, have waists and have a hard shell.

Chelsea Martin asked where to look for wasps or yellowjackets. Bonnie said to look online about how to remove them, and that wasps are coming out now and that this is the best time to deal with them.

Louise Adams asked if the results from the Oregon Bee Project would be shared. Bonnie Shoffner said they would be once the report has been crafted. She said the report is in year two of five.

Adjournment: Chair Bill Markt adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.