

Columbia Grange 267

COMMITTEES

Our Corbett Grange does a lot of great (volunteer) work – educational, environmental, physical, social – all in service to our community at large. And to do all of this great work, it takes a lot of great energy and people with a variety of interests, experience and skills. We'd love your involvement in our Committee work from teamwork and idea generation, to skilled labor, to digging in the dirt and clean-up, to event planning, to research and advocacy. Take a look at our Committees' Purposes and Goals. Read a brief description of committee work and skills needed. If you want to learn more about a particular Committee the contact information is included below.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The overall purpose of the Membership Committee is to maintain membership and advertise the grange in our community to solicit new members.

Goals

- 1) Help to identify potential members within the community.
- 2) Work with new members to make them feel welcome to the Grange and to give them a good impression of the Grange as a whole.
- 3) Encourage members to ask people to join the Grange (annual Membership Drive).
- 4) Help plan events that will bring in non-members to the Grange and have a planned program to encourage new membership (annual Open House in Spring & Fall).
- 5) Educate the community on what the Grange is doing and its ideals and goals.

Committee work and skills needed: If you like to network, this committee is for you. If you like to meet people, answer questions and orient new members, this committee is for you. And if you would like to mentor new members, that's one of our goals. In person, phone, email and text, social media – any and all of these avenues are open for your ideas.

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The overall purpose of the Legislative Committee is to assure Columbia Grange 267 membership is both aware of and active in legislation and policies at the State and County levels on issues relevant to our local community and Grange, and in alignment with the National, State and local Granges' Vision, Mission, Values and Motto, and to drive change through dialogue, leadership and legislative action to help solve some of the challenges within our community.

1. Fully understand our membership and community stakeholders as well as those stakeholder groups affecting/impacting our community and Grange through legislation.
2. Facilitate Membership and Community discussion/dialogue on current issues relevant to our Grange and Community. .
3. Identify and develop opportunities to involve community members in our Legislative Committee work
4. Track and report out on Oregon's legislative cycle e.g. dates and deadlines, as well as the State Grange legislative priorities and resolutions.
5. Research/review, evaluate and comment on proposed legislation, policies and resolutions through the State Grange mechanisms and calendar.
6. Communicate out bills and opportunities for members to take individual political action.
7. Prioritize and strategize our efforts in alignment with Grange Vision, Mission and Values.
8. Propose/make recommendations, gain approval, and take action as Columbia Grange 267.
9. Maintain contact and build relationship with the State Grange legislative Committee Chair.

10. Maintain contact and build relationships with our County and State Representatives.
11. Work with/coordinate with other Columbia Grange #267 Committees as needed.

Committee work and skills needed: If you belong to organizations that work on legislative issues, you could make an important contribution to our Committee. As far as time commitment, 2-4 hrs. a month to attend our monthly meeting and also attend and report out on the State Grange Legislative Committee's work - more hours if you want to play an active role in working on our priorities of education and legislation related to Fire readiness and mitigation, and Water resources and protection a month. These two issues we hope will connect our Grange to other local organizations like the Fire Department or Water District.

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FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Overall Purpose and Goals:

- We serve the Grange Hall by "Keeping it Together & Moving it Ahead"
- While respecting and honoring the 125-year heritage of the building
 - 1) Preserve & Maintain the structural and functional aspects of the Grange property, including the building and grounds.
 - 2) Enhance the usability of the Grange property for both member activities and rental uses.
 - 3) Look Ahead and plan for future needs, desires, and contingencies.

Committee work and skills needed: We can use additional folks with building trades or "handy person" skills and/or a strong back. We also need grounds maintenance help.

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EVENTS COMMITTEE

Overall Purpose and Goals:

Plan, Coordinate, and execute events for the benefit of and to invigorate our members and the community

Manage events that benefits members and community while raising funds for the Grange

- 1 Make the Grange a 'must-join' for the community.
- 2 Provide events for members that keeps members engaged
- 3 Monitor attendance for evaluation
- 4 Overall have a net positive gain on Grange funds

Committee work and skills needed: We meet about twice monthly to evaluate and plan ongoing projects. We engage members and the community to improve our Grange community, develop personal skills, while building a rural community network of neighbors.

Skills needed: Availability to attend meetings, ability to work with others and willingness to participate. We work at expanding each committee members' skills and abilities, and showcasing each person's talents and expertise in our projects.

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BENEVOLENCE/COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Overall Purpose and Goals:

The Grange's motto ends with "...and in all things charity." This committee is dedicated to providing benevolence to our members and our community financially and with labors of love.

Benevolence includes: Scholarships, Holiday Giving Program; Special needs funds for families during the year; Paying Grange dues for those who cannot afford it (in exchange for their service to the Grange, if able).

Committee work and skills needed:

Road cleanup; Physical help to seniors/vets in the community (examples may include delivery of food and supplies, yard cleanup, minor repairs, etc); Monthly or quarterly check-in with Corbett schools in regard to children or families in need; Distribution of Multnomah County website and/or phone numbers for domestic violence resources and crisis line number. (in PDF format at www.multco.org); Continue to foster the diversity of our community by hosting free multicultural events; Promote and encourage fun family gatherings such as at Halloween and other holidays.

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AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

The purpose and goal of the Agriculture Committee is to provide information to educate and engage the community about farming, forestry and general gardening, with an emphasis on sustainable practices and community building.

Offer events and presentations about farming, forestry, and general gardening on a seasonal basis.

1. On-going/established events:

- Spring: Community Plant Share and Community Biochar Demonstration
- Fall: Rainwater Harvesting (hosted by Clair Klock) and Farmer Meet & Greet Potluck Dinner
- Year-round: Maintenance of the pollinator garden
- Year-round: Care, lending and demonstration of the biochar kiln

2. Events we are working to incorporate:

- Summer: Corbett Farm Loop brochure and farm tour
- Winter: Agricultural movie documentary and discussion nights
- Throughout the seasons: Skills workshops hosted by community members and/or East Multnomah County Soil and Water District (EMSWCD)

Committee work and skills needed: Anyone with an interest in local farming and rural skills who would like to help plan and participate in events centered around sharing farming and rural skills. The committee meets once a month, with 1-2 events per season.

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