



Autauga County Master Gardeners Association
Membership Meeting
February 8, 2023 10:00 am



Minutes

*****Before 10:00 - Registration, Sign ups, Information table, drinks, fellowship*****

- I. Call to Order 10:00 - Please stay not only to help print labels but also we have a very important announcement and we need a vote from you to proceed.
- II. Devotion / Membership - Nancy Waggoner
- III. Door Prize Drawing
- IV. Program – Cathy Maddox – Montgomery Botanical Garden. Cathy discussed the history of the garden and future of the organization.
- V. Break
- VI. Door Prize Drawing
- VII. Awards - Adrienne Yarbrough presented the Hummingbird Award to Lisa Carrick for her leadership in the Cake Auction at the December meeting. Over \$500 was raised. Reach for the Stars Awards will be presented in March. The Bronze Star, presented for 100+ hours, was given to Jane Boysen, Catherine Brooks and Valera Brown. The Silver Star was presented to Catherine Chapman and Lori Terrell.
- VIII. Intro to Helpline new system – Mallory Kelley -Mallory discussed the changes in the reporting system and the requirements for the interns to man the Helpline.
- IX. Vice President Report – We are planning a trip to Hills and Dales in May. Nancy also suggested that we plan a tour of the Montgomery Botanical Garden.
- X. Secretary Report - The minutes were not available. Linda Barry reported on the Plant Sale event. Volunteer sign-up sheets were circulated.
- XI. Treasurer Report - Don Armstrong moved to accept the report. Glenn Nichols seconded. The motion passed.
- XII. President Report
 1. Please stay, we need as many of you to stay as long as you can to print 4200 labels for Arbor Day trees. Arbor day worker signup sheets are on the tables in back.
 2. We went \$35.00 over our budgeted amount for the 2022 Conference Basket. The conference chairman asked for nice tools, so we purchased Felco pruners with the leather belt holder. If you can donate \$1, that would take care of that overage.
 3. 2025 AMGA Conference - We looked for a facility to house the conference in Prattville. First Baptist Church has given us a letter of intent to house the conference. The ACMGA Board has agreed to present this opportunity to you as an association. It will be held April 3-5, 2023. Many decisions have to be made and a lot of work has to be done by committees. We will need 40 committed workers. Whether we contract for help with another county will be determined as planning evolves. We have the

opportunity to make a great profit which can enhance our county and AMGA along with the Transformation Garden in AU. Also, the economic impact for our community would be great and would give other Alabamians the opportunity to enjoy our quaint town too. Don Armstrong moved to host the 2025 AMGA Conference. Jane McCarthy seconded. The motion passed. It will be taken to the AMGA Board meeting in March.

XIII. Old Business

XIV. New Business

XV. Adjourn – Pick up your door prizes at the Registration Desk.