



Autauga County Master Gardeners Association

Board of Directors Meeting

January 10th 2024 10:00 am



Membership Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Sondra Henley
2. Sondra welcomed our guests, interns and our new member, Gladys Elliott.
3. Devotion – Sondra offered the devotion for the new 2024 year.
4. Sondra then called forward Adrienne Yarbrough to be recognized as our Master Gardner of the year and presented her with the accompanying certificate.
5. The President's report was presented by Sondra Henley. She asked the group how many had a chance to view our Christmas Tree in downtown Prattville. By a show of hands almost all members present had viewed the tree. Sondra then asked Lori Terrell approximately how many of our "cards" had been taken from the tree during the Christmas season. Lori offered that between 400 – 500 cards were taken. Sondra praised all on the Christmas tree committee who made this such a successful endeavor.
6. Vice President Report – Nancy Waggoner announced our program for the February meeting after telling the group about the joy of experiencing Debbie Boutelier's back yard. In particular she spoke highly of Debbie's "kitchen garden" by the back door. Potager Garden presentation by Debbie will be given for the February program.
7. Handbook Report – Sondra offered that she and Dawn Whitehead are currently working on edits. Photos are being worked on by Susan Clapp and her team. They will be soliciting quotes from the printer on cost to produce the handbook.
8. Secretary's Report – The December Membership Meeting minutes were presented for approval by Sondra Henley. One correction was noted: Angie Trimble's name was added to item 7. Announcement of winning table decorations, Best Floral design, awarded to Dian Owens. Sondra Henley called for a motion to approve, Shannon Mayes made a motion to approve, seconded by Rose McCauley. The minutes were passed.
9. Treasurers report – As outgoing Treasurer, Dian Owens presented the current budget for approval. The ending December 2023 balance was \$18,300.95 Dian called for a motion to approve. Lew Lewis made a motion to approve which was seconded by Charlie French. The budget was passed.
10. At this time, Sondra expressed the need of 40 workers or she would have to go to another county for help. She introduced all of the Chairpersons for the 2025 Master

Gardner Conference. Each Chairperson explained their Committee function and in what way volunteers were needed. After all the Chairs had spoken, Sondra called for a break so that all members present could have a opportunity to sign up for the Committee they desired.

- Silent Auction – Amy Richardson
- Logo Items & County Booth – Dian Owens
- Decorating Meal Tables Kim Wood
- Hosting speakers – Rose McCauley
- Parking and Road Signs – (Sondra presented)
- Susan Clapp – Photographer Support
- Catering – Project Chair Needed
- Charlie French – Vendors
- Shannon Mayes – Goodie Bags
- Jane Boysen – Co-Chair and Finance Committee
- Bionca Lindsey – Door Prizes
- Adrienne Yarbrough/Samantha Bowen – Registration
- Cheri Cook – Hospitality
- Cindy Dean – Advertising
- Sondra Henley – 2024 Booth
- Dale Huff/Albert Striplin – Master of Ceremonies

Sondra added that there is work before, during, and after the conference. Workers can have more than one job.

Break for Refreshments – Grits Bar

11. President Sondra Henley called the meeting back into session. She offered that depending on the dollar amount we clear for the 2025 Annual Conference, she would possibly be able to reimburse those members who work at the conference a portion of the \$150.00 registration fee.

Sondra then introduced the Chairpersons of our Committee and Projects. Sondra asked that everyone fill out the survey and turn it in at the registration table. Each Committee and Project chair spoke regarding their needs for volunteers to assist them.

- Glenn Huovinen – Demo Garden
- Vickie Williamson –Lunch & Learn
- Bionca Lindsey – Mentors
- Soyna Moore – Plant Sale
- Lori Terrell – Help Line
- Diane Owens – Logo Items
- Cindy Dean – Honor Bricks

- Nancy Waggoner – Field Trips
 - Sondra Henley – Ask a Master Gardener/Farmers Market
 - o Monthly Devotional – need on a revolving monthly basis
 - o AICC Delivery – need on a revolving monthly basis
 - Charlie French – Education
 - Debbie Boutelier – Website Team (Dawn Whitehead, Samantha Bowen, John Carrick)
 - Membership votes – Hummingbird Awards
 - Darrue Stewart – Land Owners Tour, Farm City, Friends of the Forrest
 - Kacey Powell– 4H Director, Alabama Water Watch, Competitive Day
- Following their presentations, all members were given an opportunity to talk with the Chairs and sign up for their respective Committees.

There was no New or Old business offered for consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 by President Sondra Henley.

NOTE: Mallory Kelley was absent due to family sickness.