

May 9, 2017

Chilton County Master Gardeners

Program: May Plant Swap

President Sondra Henley called the meeting to order at 10:30. She thanked Lee and Wally Walters for hosting the May Meeting Plant Swap at their lovely home on Lake Mitchell.

Sondra Henley asked for a vote on the March and April minutes as posted on the website. Harriet Jackson made first motion and Lanell Baker second motion to approve the minutes as posted and all attended membership made final approval to accept minutes.

Pat Farmer, Treasurer, was away working on Friends of the Forest. Sondra Henley asked for a motion to accept treasury report. Alan Reed made first motion to accept and Rick Miller made second motion to accept Treasury Report. All attended membership made final approval to accept Treasury Report.

Kimberly Lynn, Secretary, was not present due to a fall in which her leg was broken and surgery scheduled for Friday, May 12. Kimberly has a lake house and is in need of crepe myrtles if anyone has any to share. Treasia Bennett took minute notes and forwarded to Sondra Henley.

Alice Broome was not able to attend but Harriet Jackson has T-shirts from the Logo Sale items.

The Ebenezer Swamp tour had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Sue Webb has rescheduled the tour for Thursday, May 25 at 2:00. Bob Bates, Ann Moore and Ira Jones will need a phone call due to no email access. Bring mosquito repellent.

Reports on members who attended the 2017 Alabama Master Gardeners Conference in Huntsville:

- Harriet Jackson: attendees were given a nice tote bag that Harriet demonstrated with matching nametag. The conference was well done and they learned lots on organization for our use in hosting the conference in 2019. The conference had some very interesting speakers and Harriet's favorite was on ferns. Ferns are known as a shade plant but they were informed on some that are sun tolerant.
- Trisha Williams: loved the programs especially Jerry from Missouri, seeds from the South: red okra, yellow meat watermelon, black-eyed butterbeans and herbs. There was a good book on herbs by Daryl Patton.
- Elizabeth York: the host paid great attention to detail. A T-shirt like the tote bag was offered. 400 3-gallon native azaleas were given to each registrant. Harry Cotton spoke on pollinators and what you need to plant. Link on website.
- Rick Miller: Professional speakers, many on Alabama Public TV. Impressed on what they did to have a first class conference. Food was good! We have a lot to be done to also have a great conference in 2019. Rick urged members to attend the

2018 conference in Birmingham hosted by the Jefferson County chapter of Master Gardeners.

- Sondra Henley: commented on the beautiful Huntsville Botanical Gardens. Sondra stated we have to have commitments from the steering committee and memberships. 2019 must have 20 registrations. Autauga and Shelby have committed ten each. Sondra cannot stress enough that we must have commitments to pull this off for CCMG hosting the 2019 AMGA Conference.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Upcoming Ebenezer Swamp tour and Young's Nursery in Auburn.
- Margaret Goolsby - needs help on planting 60 baskets for the City of Jemison. Jemison provides a meeting place for our CCMG meetings and needs our help in appreciation of their generosity.
- Jane Mason – did not attend and no report on cards sent to members.
- Audrey Giles – was not able to attend and it was asked someone take photos of the plant swap meeting.
- Demo Garden – Intern, Susan Cleckler, has taken the “Don't Bug Me” section of the garden due to Paula's inability to continue with this project. Some plants have been dug up, lavender cut and weeding of pathways. Do not weed butterfly bed. Anyone who can work, we have a schedule to work on Monday and Thursday mornings around 9:00. Weeding in pathways is always ongoing.
- Extension Office project – hydrangea planting at the back of the building but waiting on City. Susan Cleckler is heading up the vegetable garden at the Extension Office. Maple tree area needs weeding.

Trisha Williams was in charge of plant swap.