

January 10, 2017

Chilton County Master Gardener Association meeting

Program Presenter: Tracy Britnell Topic: Sustainable Gardening / Permaculture

Pat Farmer called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. She officially passed the gavel to incoming President Sondra Henley. Sondra presented an honorarium gift to Pat to thank her for her past Presidency.

Sondra introduced the 2017 board of directors: Sue Webb, VP, Pat Farmer, Treasurer and Kimberly Lyn, Secretary, Lee Walters, Board Advisor. Sondra urged members to become board members in the future.

Kimberly Lyn presented the November and December minutes for approval. Ann Baker made the motion, Dianne Clapp made the second. All approved. Kimberly advised those who want minutes mailed to them should supply a self address envelope. Otherwise there will be a few copies available at the meetings.

Pat Farmer presented the December Treasurer's report. Beginning balance \$6887.01, Ending balance = \$5733.60. She also advised that CCMGA awarded \$1000.00 for the 2015/2016 scholarship program. Audrey Giles made a motion to accept the report, Alice Broome made the second. All approved. Sondra reminded all that the proposed budget was approved by all, and certain money is now earmarked for projects.

Sondra advised certain chair positions are still vacant; Expo, help line, hospitality, Antiques in the Garden, Lunch and Learns, and Ask a Master Gardner. Sue Webb volunteered for hospitality, Lanell Baker volunteered for the help line. Wally and Lee Walters will support the chair for the Expo.

New Business: Nominations for MG of the Year and project of the year need to be turned into Skip Coulter by the end of the meeting today, or taken to the extension office before the end of the week. (Let Skip know you left one there.) Skip advised to write a thorough description because judges have no prior knowledge of who and what and need all the background.

Sue Webb spoke about building a hiking trail at Minooka Park. She is looking for volunteers to help with the project.

Trisha Williams stated at the present there are 5 confirmed applications for an upcoming MG class. Please spread the word.

1/18/17 is deadline to apply. Get application at the Extension office. If there is a class, Master Gardeners will be asked to help supply lunch for the first class. 1/25/17.

Sondra presented the idea of a Fundraising Committee. The committee will meet to brain storm on how to help raise funds for CCMGA. Lee Walters agreed to chair. Kimberly Lyn, Rick Miller and Bob Bates agreed to support Lee.

Beekeeper symposium scheduled for 2/4/17. Need help with registration.

Committee Reports announced: Birthday cards, Fig and Vine cutting date TBA in February. Sign in sheets on back table. Demo garden: dormant. Extension office planting: Dormant but a future date TBA for sprinkler project.

Door Prizes awarded to Treasia Bennett, Imogene Bresse, Audrey Giles, Bill Hairrell, Sondra Henley, Mildred Knowles, Rick Miller, Lee Walters, Trisha Williams.

This meeting counts for 1 hour CEU and 1 hour volunteer hours, plus travel time.

Guest: Nelson Wynn

Meeting adjourned 11:10 am.