

Minutes March 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Farmer. She welcomed members and noted that there were several interns in attendance.

Margaret Ennis, secretary, asked for a motion to accept minutes as presented on web site. Jackie Hickman made the motion and Margaret Goolsby seconded it. A vote was taken and passed.

Steve McAnally, treasurer, presented the budget by showing it on the screen.

Beginning Balance	\$3468.18
Checks and payments	1246.34
Deposits and credits	1732.67
Cleared balance	3954.51
Total uncleared transactions	36.00
Ending Balance 2/28/15	3918.51

He then discussed the items, and pointed out that it is possible to get a more detailed account. He said that a separate account has been set up in the books for the Demo Garden—not two accounts at the bank. This will allow for ease in tracking receipts and expenditures. The detailed reports are available at all times by contacting Steve. Harriett Jackson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Sondra Henley seconded it. A vote was taken and the report was approved.

Pat said the Maplesville Heritage Day will be April 11. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers for that day. This will also be discussed at the current intern class. Set-up will be in Maplesville at 7 am. Booth will be open from 8 until 2:30. Disassembly will be from 2:30 to 3 pm. This will be the first plant/craft sale of the year.

Pat announced the March birthdays—Bill Harrell, Rhonda Reynolds, Trisha Williams, and Margaret Ennis.

Pat congratulated the McAnally's for being married 43 years.

Sarah Saunders said the Ask a Master Gardener at Garrison Feed and Seed will begin March 28 and will continue for six weeks. We are there for 4 hours. Volunteers may sign up for the entire 4 hours or for 2 hours—from 8 to 10 or 10 to 12.

Pat said that the Jemison Library Fairytale Fest will be April 24. This year's presentation will be The Princess and The Pea. Plans have not yet been firmed up as to Princess and the bed. There will be Black Eyed Peas who will have a black eye and wear a beige shirt with a pea on it. A volunteer sign-up sheet is available.

Peggy Harris stated that the Clanton Water Fest will be Friday, March 13. Many volunteers are needed. Volunteers should be there by 7:30 that morning. An e-mail has been sent to those who have previously signed up, but there is still a need for helpers.

The flyer announcing our Fall Seminar was shown on the screen. Pat made mention of it and said she had a good conference call with Kerry Smith regarding the seminar. The title—Season's Ending or just Beginning—has been approved. The four sessions will probably be Permaculture Basics; Bulbs, Tubers, and Corms; Sex in the Garden (Pollination); Saving Seeds and Propagation. Sally Lee with Jefferson County Extension Service will do the session on Sex In The Garden--Pollination. Pat will get a speaker for Bulbs, Tubers, and Corms. Kerry will get someone for Permaculture Basics and Bulbs. Dani Carroll, of Extension Service will do Saving Seeds and Propagation. If we have need to, we will go to Landscaping With Color The Year Round. The seminar will be held at the Conference Center Theater at Jeff State with meals in the large room down stairs. Registration will be in the down stairs foyer. Steering Committees have been set up and need volunteers to help with the seminar. We want this to be very successful because it is a coup for Chilton County Master Gardeners. The seminar will be open to the public, but they must pre-register. Audrey Giles prepared the beautiful flyer which was shown on the screen. Pat said we have permission to put out these flyers early on Monday morning at the Cullman Conference. The Seminar starts in the morning and goes to about 3 pm. More information to be provided.

Door Prize winners: Treasia Bennett and Linda Hayes. Cuttings and rootings brought by Rick Miller were given out. Those receiving them are Lamar Giles, Sara Saunders, Alice Broome, Peggy Harris, Bonnie Hairrell, Paula Blevins-Russell, Betty Glass, and Betty Knight.

Pat reminded members that we still need items for the basket for the silent auction at Cullman Conference.

Rick Miller was prepared to give a presentation on "Propagating In A Healthy Environment." Due to technical difficulties, he will be rescheduled at a later date. However, he talked briefly about environment being all important in propagation. He answered various questions and told about his own green house.

Trisha Williams presented the star awards: Bronze—Treasia Bennett, Barbara McAnally, Sue Webb; Silver—Linda Hays, Jackie Hickman, Sarah Saunders; Gold—Lanell Baker, Alice Broome, Bettye Glass, Bill Hairrell, Harriet Jackson, Linda Turnipseed.

At the Cullman Conference Steve McAnally will receive a gold badge and Margaret Goolsby will receive a platinum badge.

In the absence of Dianne Clapp, Pat reported that cards were sent to Jane Mason, Charlotte Word, Margaret Goolsby, and Joanne Peacock.

Sondra reported that work is progressing on the Demo Garden. Stairway needs to be painted. Need to arrange for concrete. Jim Pitts will be involved in this. There must be electricity before very much can be done. The committee needs to design interior pathways and edging. She said we have received \$750 of the tourism grant and will receive another \$750. AMGA has awarded \$1000 for the Demo Garden. We have received a donation of \$160. Sondra said it will take more than we have, but we are making progress.

Pat mentioned the Expo which will be August 8. Wally and Lee are chairmen for the Expo. Harriett will be in charge of ice cream. Harriett said that last year 65 gallons were prepared and 55 gallons were served. She will be looking for help with this project. Jim Pitts has told her he wants to serve a peach salsa of some kind. She asked for recipe suggestions. The salsa will have to be canned, and we will probably be working with Christy Mendoza at the Extension kitchen. This will all take place around the first of June.

Pat said that Barbara McAnally had a display of logo items and urged members to purchase. These items will be available at each meeting. Permission has been received from AMGA to sell items at our Seminar.

Lanell Baker said Help Line begins March 26. She is sending email reminders. She needs back-up help. She needs a list to give interns for them to use back-up volunteers as a last resort when they cannot be there on their day. She placed the sign-up sheet on the table in the back.

Linda Turnipseed said she and Marty Martin discussed April 21 as the day for the Clanton planting. Volunteers will meet at the park across from the court house at 10 o'clock. Usually volunteers eat lunch at the Main Street Café upon completion of the planting. Volunteers should bring a spade and gloves.

Sondra said the planting for Jemison will be on the April 22nd and 23rd.

Trisha Williams noted that she had placed a website usage questionnaire on tables and asked that members complete them

On Thursday, March 19, the Extension Service is having a seminar called Small Pond Fish Farming. It will be held at the Alabama Conference Center. Gaye West needs three people to serve at the registration table and help with food. Gaye will provide more information.

Pat said that AMGA will receive a portion of the profits for bulb orders from Brent and Becky's Bulbs. Telephone number 877-661-2852.

There being no further business President Farmer adjourned the meeting.