

CHILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President, Pat Farmer. The May meeting is the annual plant swap and luncheon, being held at Higgins Ferry Park. She welcomed guests: Jeanette Jessop, C. Collins, Debbie Collins, Pattie Jones, Gwen Valentine, Buddy Goolsby, Jimmy Fretwell, and Debbie Roberson. Provisional members in attendance were Katie Moon, Ann Moore, Ira Jones, and Don Burdette.

Margaret Ennis, secretary, asked for a motion to accept the minutes as posted on our web site. Audrey Giles made a motion to accept and Paula Blevins-Russell seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was accepted.

Treasurer, Steve McAnally, gave the following report:

Beginning Balance	\$4,462.39
Deposits	305.00
Withdrawals	339.19
Ending Balance	\$4,428.20

Steve stressed the fact that a great deal of this money is grant monies for the Demo Garden. Harriett Jackson made a motion to accept the report and Margaret Goolsby seconded it. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Pat Farmer recognized members who have birthdays this month. They are Margaret Goolsby, Jackie Hickman, Dianne Clapp, Audra Giles, Pat Farmer, and Katie Moon.

Pat said a get-well card was sent to Alan Reed and Steve McAnally, a sympathy card to the Simmons family and the J. T. Glasscock family, and a thinking-of-you card to Charlotte Word.

NEW BUSINESS

President Farmer said we have received a request from the Chilton-Clanton Library to do some landscape work at the library. She met with Gail Anderson and Kerry Easterling to discuss what is needed. An enclosed patio needs to be beautified. With the recommendation of the MGA Board, Pat asked for a budget of \$200 for this project. She said the library funds are very limited. She estimates that this project will take about two days to complete. Mr. Easterling said there would be more improvements, but they are only asking for our help in this area. A work day will be announced and this time can be counted as community service hours. A sign will be displayed giving Master Gardeners credit for the improvement. Linda Turnipseed made a motion to approve this amount and Treasia Bennett seconded it. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Sondra said that landscape work at the Extension Office was set up in three phases, with last year being phase one. It is now time to begin phase two. She has a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Also, the Thursday help line volunteer is supposed to water the plants.

Sondra also said work is starting on Wednesday, May 13, 9 a.m., to get the little house at the Experiment Station ready for the Expo. She requested as many volunteers as possible to complete this quickly.

Also, Sondra requested that members look for rusty implements to be welded in the arbor to be constructed in the Demo Garden. She is interested in shovels, etc. Contributions should have the contributor's name so they can be returned if not used.

Alan Reed says the next project in the Demo Garden will be installing electrical wire from the little shed to the garden. We have the materials and with Jim Pitts' help it is hoped this will take place within the next week or so. He asked to meet briefly with the Demo Garden committee at the end of the meeting to make some decision regarding placement.

Since the person who was supposed to demonstrate tool sharpening did not show up, Rick Miller filled in and gave a very informative instruction about tool sharpening. He then volunteered to sharpen tools for members who had brought tools to be sharpened.

Lanell Baker asked for help line volunteers for August and September.

There were 25 members present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and the luncheon and plant swap took place.