

CHILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
June, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Farmer.

Margaret Ennis, secretary, asked for a motion to accept the May minutes as posted on the web. Harriet Jackson made the motion and Jackie Hickman seconded it. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Robert Whatley was recognized as the first 2015 provisional member to achieve regular member status. Trisha Williams and Nelson Wynn gave him a certificate and a badge.

Pat said that Tammy McGriff asked her to remind the members about the Jemison Has Talent show to be held on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will go to the Jemison Library.

Betty Knight brought several banana plants for which she asked \$5.00 each. Proceeds to go into CCMGA treasury.

Pat recognized Joanne Davis and Wayne Freeman as being our June birthday members.

Harriet Jackson reported on salsa making for the Expo. They made 52 pints to be served. Jerry Farmer, Pat Farmer, Margaret Goolsby, Imogene Bresse, Harriet Jackson, Louis and Christy Mendoza worked very hard to get this accomplished.

Pat said all four speakers for the Fall Seminar have now been lined up. She had a nice discussion with William Sheftall who will give a presentation on Permaculture. She said she needs one more insurance quote. The caterer has been lined up. There is a need for many volunteers to help with the Seminar. She asked members to be sure and sign up if they can help.

Alice Broome said that definite assignments/duties for the seminar will be available later.

Pat said that registration will be done on-line. Roger Clarke, AMGA State Treasurer, will work with Pat and Steve to coordinate details. Registration is \$25.00 and includes lunch. All members are urged to register and attend the September seminar. Pat has already talked with surrounding county MG leaders. After a short September meeting we will go to the Conference Center and do set up for the seminar. If county inmates are available, they will help with set up and take down.

Pat said that the previously approved library project will begin tomorrow with the site preparation work. Then the planting will take place Thursday and Friday. This is a community project. Petals From the Past and Sandra's nursery gave a discount on plants. The approved total was \$200.00 for the project.

Jackie Hickman told about the tour of Aldridge Gardens to see the hydrangeas. It was informative and enjoyable. A demonstration was given on propagation of hydrangeas. They then had lunch together. She said she hopes more people will participate next year.

Door prize recipients were Alice Broome, Barbara McAnally, Kimberly Lynn, and Mildred Knowles.

Jackie Hickman introduced Lucy Davis, presenter of today's program on Junior Master Gardeners. Ms. Davis is the state coordinator for Junior Master Gardeners. This program was established 16 years ago at Texas A&M. It is a 4H program. It focuses on hands on programs--helping develop leadership skills, communication skills, math skills, horticulture and environmental awareness. It is in all 50 states. There are two levels of instruction: grades 1-5 and 6-8. The first level curriculum includes wildlife and gardening. The second level curriculum is called Operation Thistle. The Alabama Junior Master Gardener program is funded by Bonnie Plant Farm. A mini grant is available to help establish a new group startup. If there is interest in sponsoring/establishing a group, she is available to help. The levels of participation are 1)advise teacher 2) assist teacher 3)lead a group on your own. Josine Walters is the local Chilton County contact. Lori's contact information is [davislg@aces.edu](mailto:davislg@aces.edu) or [www.jmgkids.us](http://www.jmgkids.us).

Jackie presented Linda with a gift of appreciation from our group.

Pat said that some members had been asking for more details regarding treasure's report. Steve McAnally gave the current treasurer's report.

Beginning Balance	\$4428.20
Checks and payments	1819.51
Deposits and credits	1727.80
Uncleared transaction	37.10
Register Balance 5/31/15	4299.39

Steve then presented several financial reports and discussed each one. He compared 2014 financial picture with 2015, stating the 2015 figures include the Demo Garden monies. He presented the reports called Statement of Financial Position, Donors Grants Report, Demo Garden Cash Status, and Association Cash Balance—discussing each item by item. He then gave a Power Point presentation, reviewing cash position since 2009. 2009-2010 showed an overall increase of \$1132.11 (this included a big plant sale in the city parking lot). 2011-2012 showed an overall decrease of \$305.28. 2013-2014

showed an increase of \$891.36 (2013 increase \$1608.83 and 2014 decrease of \$717.43). He stated that all expenses must be approved by the Board before they are brought to the members. A discussion followed regarding possible scenarios. Sondra asked about the \$353 Demo Garden money carry over from 2014. She was assured that it is included in this year's figures. Steve then asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Rick Miller made the motion and Jackie Hickman seconded it. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

#### Committee Reports:

Wally Walters said a sign-up sheet is available for Expo volunteer sign up. She will be out of town for a few weeks, but sign up can be done on the web. She also reminded the group that all volunteers must sign a waiver to volunteer.

Rick Miller said we need as many plants as possible to sell at the Expo to help our revenues. Fig plantings are slim again this year, but other plants will be available.

Sondra said the Demo Garden is coming along. She would like to have an arbor ready for the Expo and therefore asks people who can do so, to donate metal items to be welded into the arbor. The white house will be ready by the Expo. She said Phase two at the Extension office (arbor with clematis) will be ready soon. Phase three still remains.

Barbara McAnally mentioned logo items available and on display (mugs, shirts, car tags, bar magnets for badges and lanyards). The spring order for shirts must be placed with her before July 1.

Lanell Baker said there is a need for help line workers the last of August and September. Pat reminded the group that the help line must be logged out at the end of the day.

Linda Hand said Peggy Harris is doing well after knee replacement about six weeks ago. Her husband, James, had lung cancer surgery today. She said they would appreciate prayers.

Wayne Freeman had talked with Charlotte Word and said she is doing well.

There was a request for help in maintaining the Lions Club garden which is located behind the old hospital.

At our next meeting Doug Druggers will give a presentation on hydroponic gardening.

There were 31 members and five interns present.

There being no further business, President Pat Farmer dismissed the meeting.