

Chilton County Master Gardeners

September 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President, Pat Farmer. There were no visitors.

Margaret Ennis, secretary, asked for a motion to approve the July minutes as posted on the web (no August meeting). Harriet Jackson made the motion and Jackie Hickman seconded it. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Steve McAnally gave the Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2015.

Beginning Balance	\$4499.95
Cleared transactions	
Checks & payments	- 519.89
Deposits & credits	5270.00
Ending balance	9250.06

Steve said that \$5991.70 of this money belongs to AMGA for Seminar. We don't yet know how much of it we will receive. He and Pat will meet with Roger Clarke, AMGA treasurer, and find out the amount we get to keep. A motion was made by Margaret Goolsby to approve the report. Lanell Baker seconded it. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Pat recognized members with August and September birthdays. They were Ann Stocking, Linda Hays, Bob Bates, Skip Coulter, Alan Reed, Essie Edell, Lanell Baker, Bettye Knight, Bonnie Hairrell, and Margaret Goolsby.

Margaret Goolsby said the Swedish Fest in Thorsby will be October 10 at Thorsby Park. We need to be there by 7 am to be set up by 9 am to sell arts and crafts as well as plants.

Sondra Henley said there would be a craft day at her house on September 23 from 10am to 2 pm. She asked for members to sign the list.

Pat Farmer recognized the Seminar Steering Committee, stating there are 255 registrants. She said the hosts and hostesses need to be at the conference center by 7am.

Treasia Bennett heads up the Seminar decorating committee. There will be 32 tables set up in the dining area.

Alice Broome thanked all who were so willing to help when she asked for hosts and hostesses.

Pat reminded interns who will be working at the Seminar to wear their blue shirts, as well as members and interns who have blue shirts.

Sondra Henley asked that muffins be at the conference center by 7:30am. Lunches will be in alphabetical order.

Pat Farmer recognized and thanked Sondra for getting donations for many items.

Don Burdette told about the US Forestry Tour of Talladega National Forest. It will be a diverse and interesting tour, giving answers to often asked questions. It will be October 12, beginning in Maplesville on Hwy 22 and County Road 191 intersection. The cost will be \$10.00 and will last from 8:30 am to 3 pm. He asked that people register with the Extension Service.

Pat said that 90% of the Seminar door prizes were donated by our members.

Jackie Hickman announced there will be a tour of University of Alabama Arboretorium on November 3. The tour will begin at 10:30.

Dianne Clapp sent cards to Ira Jones, Lamar Giles, Katie Moon, Margaret Gojolsby, Wallie Walters, Ann Baker, Ann Moore, J. Blalock, Sondra Henley.

Sondra Henley had a power point presentation regarding the Demo Garden, showing progress as the work has continued. The shade structure now has a concrete floor. The staircase now has a concrete scalloped edging. All paths have gravel. People who need volunteer hours should make plans to help. The white tool shed has been made into something nice which says "Master Gardener" from every side. A gate and additional re-bar are being placed on the stairway for additional safety. She discussed walls for the quadrants and their construction. They are now working mornings rather than evenings. She mentioned a need for more items to be placed on the arbor.

Lee Walters said the plant sale went very well at the Expo. The net sales, including water, were \$578.

Rick Miller said a great many plants were left over from the Expo and will be available to sell at the Swedish Fest.

Lanell Baker gave thanks to all who worked the help line this year. There are only three more weeks left on this year's schedule.

Pat Farmer asked members to check their Seminar goodie bags to see if they have a door prize ticket stapled to their folder. Gaye West helped with this for all bags, making sure some tickets were included in members' folders.

Trisha Williams reminded members that hours should be entered in computer. Next month we will start collecting dues. Regular dues are \$25.00 per year, which is state and local. Lifetime AMGA dues are \$100.00. Lifetime CCMGA membership is available at age 80, with \$10 due for state dues. There are some lifetime AMGA dues plans available for certain things. She recognized the following interns who have earned certification, Kimberly Lyn, Ann Moore, Willie Valentine, and Janis Wilson.

Jackie Hickman said next month's program will be Mac Gothard, the Gourd Man, October 13.

Door prize winners were Robert Lee Whatley, Imogene Bresse, and Sarah Saunders.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and members were asked to go to the Conference Center to help do set up for the Seminar.