

CHILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2015

Pat Farmer, president, called the meeting to order. (This meeting was held at the house at the Experiment Station.) She thanked all for coming, saying there were some members present who had not been present for a while—Rose Utendahl, Margie Robertson, and Sue Webb.

Margaret Ennis, secretary, requested a motion to accept the minutes as posted on the web. Harriet Jackson made the motion, with a second by Sue Webb. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Steve McAnally, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. It was:

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| Beginning Balance | \$5,794.29 |
| Checks and payments | 973.64 |
| Deposits and credits | 415.05 |
| Uncleared checks and payments | 417.54 |
| Ending Balance | 4,818.16 |

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Sarah Saunders with a second by Audrey Giles. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Pat read a letter from the vice-president of Alabama Master Gardeners Association requesting that our group give consideration to hosting the 2019 annual conference. The letter included much praise for the fall seminar which was hosted by CCMGA in September. Sondra Henley and Pat Farmer will get together soon to gather some general knowledge as to what hosting an annual conference actually entails. A vote will be taken at a later date.

Pat introduced Gaye West from the Extension Office. Gaye brought a thank-you gift for all members, telling of her appreciation for the help extended by our group.

Members of the 2016 nominating committee were Alice Broom, Lee Walters, Wally Walters, and Rick Miller. Rick presented the nominations for the 2016 officers. They were: president, Pat Farmer; vice-president, Sondra Henley; secretary, Kimberly Lyn; T treasurer, Steve McAnally. Rick asked for nominations from the floor and there were none. Harriet Jackson made a motion to accept the committee's nominations and Lindy Helton seconded it. A vote was taken and carried. There was no opposition.

Pat recognized members with birthdays in November. They are: Rick Miller, Lindy Helton, Martha Gothard, Sondra Henley, Julie Soileau, and Karen Giles.

Pat mentioned that there were several items for sale—shirts, mugs at a clearance price, and garden towels.

Alice Broome said Christmas Home Tour tickets and posters were available. Admission is \$15.00 prior to the tour and \$20.00 the day of the tour. There will be five homes on the tour and they are all located in close proximity in the downtown area of Clanton. She said the owners names can be publicized but not the addresses.

Barbara McAnally distributed shirt order forms and said the forms can also be found on our web site.

Sondra Henley gave a brief synopsis of the Demo Garden, discussing various parts. She said the quads are divided and that the walls were constructed from donations. She distributed a form regarding the Demo Garden. She passed a form around asking what people want in the Garden. She passed out a form asking member to indicate their area of service and a form regarding hours spent working in the Garden as well as reasons for not working in the Garden. There is a need for people to help move rocks from Rick Miller's house to the Garden. This will be done on the 17th of November. She emphasized that the Demo Garden is a team effort.

Sondra said the study guide for the MG classes has been updated and we need to make sure everything is correct and make necessary changes before classes start in February.

Sondra announced a Demo Garden committee meeting after the close of the regular meeting. She invited all to attend. She said phases one and two of the Garden have been completed. Phase three will be done by an Eagle Scout. The 4th phase is a green house. We have Auburn University approval and is uncertain as to what it will cost us. She is starting a CCMGA round table discussion regarding the green house. It will be necessary to have a manager for it. Location is another consideration. Behind the shade area would be desirable, but it may not be acceptable to Jim Pitts.

Door prizes were awarded to Rose Utendahl, Robert Lee Whatley, Sue Webb, and Jane Mason.

Pat said chairmen for committees will be announced at the January meeting.

Rick Miller presented the program. His topic was Propogating in a Healthy Environment. He showed how to make a terrarium from two plastic boxes. Soil must be kept above 70 degrees for plants to root. You must use new soil. He had a slide presentation, showing various rooting procedures, his green house (which is geothermal), pruning techniques, and many other items of interest.

Margie Robertson brought an assortment of seeds for members to take home.

Pat said our next meeting will be in Jemison at the regular meeting date and time.

Skip Coulter told members of Limestone Park between Alabaster and Calera. He said it is well worth the time to visit it.

Pat said February meeting will be the time for awards to be given.

Trisha Williams reminded members that dues are due today.

Pat said Jemison and Clanton planting have been completed.

Pat announced that Skip Coulter will do "Questions from Master Gardeners" starting with the January meeting.

Pat reminded members that we will be playing Dirty Santa at the Christmas party.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

There were 48 people present.