

Chilton County Master Gardeners

Monthly Meeting

February 9, 2016

Pat Farmer opened the meeting at 9:35 am.

Sondra Henley welcomed the guests.

Sondra explained that the 2016 Master Gardener class did not make minimum capacity and urged all members to encourage others to take the class. At the present time, there is a possibility that Chilton and other counties may combine students to create a full class; so keep talking up the class.

Guests present were Elizabeth York. Ms. York is exploring the possibility to take the class. Nelson Wynn was also present.

Kimberly Lyn asked for a motion to accept the January 2016 meeting minutes. Rick Miller made the motion. Harriett Jackson seconded the motion. All members approved. Motion carried.

Jan and Feb Treasurer's report is suspended until March meeting. Pat asked for all to keep Steve in their prayers and thoughts as he navigates through his current health issue.

Skip Coulter presented the 2016 award winners:

Top Hours: Sondra Henley (1100), Harriett Jackson (600.2) and Audrey Giles (456.43)

Top CEU Hours: Jimmy and Mildred Knowles (60.5)

Top Intern Hours: Anne Moore 252

Help Line Recognition: Lanell Baker, Sarah Saunders (6 days) and Bonnie Harrell (4 days)

Service Project of the Year: Demo garden tool shed/landscape

Master Gardener of the Year: Pat Farmer

Numerous members received stars for accumulated service hours.

Trisha reminded all to enter hours so that appropriate service hour pins can be awarded. The MG's benefit from the log but volunteer hours justify extension MG program support.

New Business:

Treasia Bennett discussed 4H supplies needed. Please get with her for a current list and bring items to each meeting until the end date.

Pat Farmer thanked those who recently helped at the 2016 Bee keepers Symposium: Margaret Ennis, Audrey Giles, Linda Hays, Michele Thomas, Ann Moore, Wally Walters, Gail Foster, Linda Turnipseed, Mildred Knowles, Anne Baker, Jackie Hickman, Red Turnipseed, and Skip Coulter.

Pat Farmer announced that N.E.P. needs help stuffing bags on 1/13/16 9:30 am.

Sondra Henley updated on projects. She noted sign-up sheets for an upcoming computer class.

Items for AMGA basket are due by the April meeting.

Tours: A bus has been arranged for the Succulent garden tour in Heflin. If you want to ride the bus, please give \$20.00 to Sondra. You can also drive your own car behind the bus if preferred.

The board has approved the MG to participate in Antiques in the Garden and Home for the Holidays, to replace the Maplesville Heritage Festival and the Thorsby Swedish festival. All are welcome to support by signing up for craft days at Sondra's house. A schedule of craft days is forthcoming.

Old Business:

Clanton Water Festival needs volunteers. Contact Jane Mason, or Peggie Harris to volunteer. Date: 3/11/16 8:00 am.

An acceptance letter has been sent for CCMGA hosting the 2019 AMGA conference. Autauga County has agreed to help. Pat and Sondra are assembling a steering committee.

Door prizes (5); Bob Bates, Harriett Jackson, Bonnie Harrell, Kimberly Lyn and Mildred Knowles

Committee Reports:

Cards: Diane Clapp: Steve McAnally – Get Well, Rose Utendahl – Thinking of You, and Ann Baker – Condolences.

Expo: Lee and Wally Walters: Most likely the Expo date will be Aug 6, 2016

Plant Sales: Rick Miller, nothing to report

Fig and Vine Cutting: Rick brought fig cuttings for all to take home to nurture for the plant sale and expo. Make sure you label your variety carefully.

Jemison Planting: Margaret Goolsby – nothing to report

Facebook/website: Audrey Giles explained we are set to migrate to the Auburn supported website.

Hospitality Chairperson. Pat Farmer announced that Anita McGee will be 2016 hospitality chair person

Programs:

Sondra Henley, Demo Garden Chairperson. Demo garden official opening will be synchronized with the Expo.

All quadrant chairpersons have submitted their completion lists/needs

Eagle Scouts will soon begin the pergola construction.

Sondra reported the demo garden is now out of money.

Pat stated she wanted a motion from the general membership to allow the board to determine cash allocation to projects without having to come to the general board each time. Kimberly Lyn made the motion, Paula Blevins seconded the motion. General membership all voted yea. Motion carried.

Don Burdette announced a pruning project at the experiment station needed volunteers 2/20/16 8 am. Come with tools. A tutorial will be provided on proper pruning of crepe myrtles.

Presentation: Josine Walters, Foundational Regional Agent for 4H discussed the upcoming Junior Master Gardener workshop. She overviewed the types of “stations” that will be at the workshop. She asked for volunteers. Contact Sondra Henley if you want to volunteer.

Open Discussion:

Ms. McGhee reminded people to sign up for monthly hospitality support

This meeting will count for 1.5 volunteer hours and 1 hour CEU

Pat closed the meeting at 11:45