

Chilton County Master Gardeners

Monthly Meeting

January 12, 2016

Pa Farmer opened the meeting at 9:30 am. 44 members present

Pat thanked everyone for their 2015 efforts and results. She reminded us that the format under her 2015 Presidency was emphasis on members. As 2016 President the emphasis will remain on the members.

No guests were present.

Kimberly Lyn requested a motion to accept the November and December meeting minutes. Harriet Jackson moved to accept. Lanell Baker made a second. All approved. Motion carried.

Steve McAnally made the treasurers report. The December 2015 month end balance: \$5406.38.

New Business:

Pat announced a board meeting at the C.R.E.C little house 1/19/16; 10 am to 1 pm. Bring your lunch.

Steve invited anyone who wanted a total breakdown of the budget and accounting to come to the meeting. Sondra thanked Steve for his service.

Pat requested a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Sarah Saunders motioned, Harriet Jackson seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

January birthdays were acknowledged.

2016 board members were introduced; Pat Farmer, Sondra Henley, Steve McAnally, Kimberly Lyn, Trisha Williams, Audrey Giles, Harriett Jackson, Alice Broome and Margaret Goolsby.

Committee chairs were introduced; Skip Coulter – awards, Diane Clapp – cards, Sondra Henley – demo garden, Lee and Wally Walters- Expo, Rick Miller – plant and craft sales, Rick Miller and Bill Hairrell -Fig/vine cutting, Alice Broome – logo items, Alice Broome – Christmas Home tour, Trisha Williams – Membership and Volunteer hours, Rick Miller – Clanton Planting, Margaret Goolsby – Jemison planting, Audrey Giles – Facebook.

Steve McAnally & Jackie Hickman -Finance/Budget, -Pat Farmer- Help Line, Audrey Giles & Sarah Saunders – Photography, Sondra Henley- Publicity, Sondra Henley, Audrey Giles & Pat Farmer- AMGA Advisory Council, Linda Hand- Door Prizes, Steve McAnally, Trisha Williams, Sondra Henley & Audrey Giles- Web Team, Steve McAnally, Bonnie Hairrell, Trisha Williams - Finance Committee with Jackie Hickman as Bookkeeper.

Sondra Henley discussed upcoming projects and tours. Several sign- up sheets were available for members to select projects to support. (See last page for details).

Sondra discussed a trip to Bennett’s succulent nursery in Heflin. A vote was taken regarding a weekday or a week end day to go. Membership voted unanimously to go on a week day. She is also looking into the possibility of getting a bus to take all, rather than many different cars. More to follow.

Sondra advised membership to be selective in the projects to sign up for, there were so many and she wants people to only select the projects they can commit to.

Sondra asked members who proof read/ edited the Master Gardener class book to please get their chapters to her A.S.A.P. Need to get the edits to the printer and back in time for the next MG class.

Feb 5, 2016 Fairytale in Jemison Library needs a chair person, otherwise MG will have to decline the project.

Sondra advised the water feature was being installed in the demo garden later in the day and needed some men to help lift and move it.

Old Business:

AMGA asked CCMGA to host the 2019 Spring Conference. Pat requested membership support the request. She cautioned that it would take the entire membership to participate in order for a successful event. However, the efforts would be worth the accolades this association would receive. It was already an honor to be asked, but to have a successful event would secure the CCMGA reputation.

A silent vote was cast (via slips of paper) regarding membership acceptance of the invitation. 41 votes in favor, 3 votes not in favor

Pat Farmer is going to contact Shelby and Autauga MGA to ask for support as well.

The actual date of the conference will be determined by the venue's availability. Most likely Clanton Performing Arts Center at Jefferson State will be the venue.

The 2016 spring conference is in Dothan, Al. Pat and Sondra are attending and will make contacts to guide with "need to know information".

Pat will send the acceptance letter to AMGA this week.

Pat encouraged membership to make nominations for project and member of the year. Forms were available at the sign in desk to cast nomination.

5 Door Prizes were given: Jerry Farmer, Jimmy Knowles, Steve McAnally, Alan Reed and Lee Walters.

Program Presenters: Alice Broome - Landscape Design, Lanell Baker, seed germination, and Jackie Hickman - food dehydration.

Committee Reports:

Skip Coulter – discussed the MG and Project of the year nomination process

Diane Clapp – reported the members to whom she sent cards

Sondra Henley – discussed the water feature going into the demo garden today

Rick Miller – discussed possibly finding a consignor for 2016 plant sales, he also reminded the group fig cutting will be on February 8, 2016 10 at CREC. Cuttings will be available at next membership meeting to take home to care for.

Alice Broome – no reports on logo items

Alice Broome – 2015 Christmas home tour resulted in at \$2139 income for CCMGA. (better result than 2014)

Trisha Williams- Membership volunteer hours, reminded people to log hours. Members may have to reset their passwords. If any trouble contact her. 2015 volunteer hours were 8995.25 and CEU hours were 675.80

Rick Miller – Clanton planting, nothing to report at this time

Margaret Goolsby – Jemison planting, nothing to report at this time

Audrey Giles – Face book, she encouraged anyone with a face book page to share and like the link regarding the upcoming master gardener class. Still need to recruit students, otherwise the class may be cancelled for lack of interest.

Today's meeting will net members 1 hour of CEU and 1 Hour for the meeting. Travel time is allowed because of the CEU component.

Trisha will report out the allowances at the end of each meeting as a result of membership request to do so.

Meeting ended at 11:30 am.

Project/tour opportunities:

Jr. Master Gardener. Contact = Jo Walters = date 3/23 - 3/27

Fig and Vine Cutting. Contact= Rick Miller and Bill Hairrell = date February 8 10 AM at CREC.

Tree Pruning - research center Contact = Don Burdette= date 2/20

Bennett's Plants tour, Heflin, Al Contact = Sondra Henley =date TBA??

Jim Scotts Garden tour Lake Martin Contact=Wally Walters, date = April 19

Extension Office demo bed maintenance, Contact= Lanell Baker

4 H Community service project for Child Advocacy Center= Contact Jo Walters 334-750-2032

Water Festival Contact =Jane Mason

Demo Garden Support: Butterfly Demo, grasses demo, Irrigation, tool shed, native plants, Little house flower beds, trees and shrub demo, knot garden demo, rock garden demo, herb demo, shade garden demo.
Contact= Sondra Henley