

March 8, 2016 Chilton County Master Gardener

Monthly Meeting

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Sondra Henley (VP) called meeting to order at 9:37 AM. Sondra facilitated the meeting in Pat Farmer's (Pres), absence. 34 were in attendance.

Kimberly Lyn requested a motion to accept the February 2016 membership meeting minutes. Jackie Hickman made the motion, Lanell Baker made a second. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Kimberly asked if anyone needed to update their e-mail address to ensure delivery of the monthly minutes to contact her.

Sondra announced that 8 people have signed up for the Bennett's succulent nursery tour. She needed 14 to rent a tour bus. At least 6 more need to sign up. She asked if others intended to sign up by a show of hands. No one else showed interest. As a result, Sondra announced she would cancel the bus. All going on the tour will meet at the extension office and can caravan together. She will have directions available for all.

Sondra advised that Jackson and Perkins donated some rose bushes for the demo garden. They asked for our members to provide their e-mail accounts. A sign-up sheet is available for those who want to provide theirs.

Guests were in attendance; Elizabeth York, Donna and Pete DeLeon, Rose McCauley, Paula Seaman, Bill Rhoads, and Anthony Yarbrough.

Sondra covered the January and February budget. She requested a motion to accept the Treasurer report. Linda Hand made a motion, Lindy Helton seconded. All vote aye. Report accepted.

Sondra read a letter written by Pat Farmer indicating the current Treasurer, Steve McAnally's, resignation, as a result of ongoing health conditions. The CCMGA board nominated Jackie Hickman as replacement Treasurer and Audrey Giles as replacement bookkeeper. A motion to accept the nominations was made by Katie Moon, Rick Miller made a second. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ed Simmons donated numerous garden items free for all CCMGA members. Items included pots, edging, etc.

March birthdays were announced.

Sondra announced that the board gave approval for Master Gardeners to host monthly lunch and learns. Currently scheduled are classes regarding Day Lilies, Native Plants, Plant a salad garden, canning foods class. The classes will be held the 4th Wednesday of each month, except Nov and Dec. If you have a particular topic you would like to teach, please get with Sondra to schedule.

Flyers for an Intro to Bee keeping April 14, 2016 10:00am to 11:30 am, and Vegetable and Food Preservation workshop March 22, 2016 9:30 – 11:00 am were distributed. Both will be held at the Chilton County Extension office.

Door prizes given

Committee reports:

Diane Clapp: Cards. Cards sent to Steve McAnally, Lanell Baker, Joan McGriff, and Don Burdette.

Demo Garden:

Alan Reed requested help finishing the with the irrigation system. The main irrigation plumbing is completed, and the secondary lines to the quadrants still need installation. Possible Saturday work days will be announced.

Pruning: Crepe Myrtles at the research station are almost finished. Huge improvements in the appearance at the location are evident.

Harriett Jackson: Expo. Will be held August 6, 2016

Rick Miller: Clanton Planting, date TBA. Rick invited members to come to his house to cut bamboo if wanted.

Sondra Henley announced additional craft days coming. Is pleased with progress of past craft days.

Alice Broome: Logo items. New t shirts are ready to be ordered. Other logo items are still available.

Trisha Williams: Volunteer hours. Old CCMGA website can still be used to enter hours however the direct address also available <http://ssl.acesag.auburn.edu/mgmanager/login/>. Trisha suggests saving the address as a shortcut on your computer.

Anita McGhee: Hospitality: Each month the meeting decorations and snack will be based around a theme. Anyone who would like to help with themes can contact Anita.

Help Line: a sign-up sheet is available

Margaret Goolsby: Jemison planting. An upcoming meeting with the mayor will determine the date.

Jr. Master Gardener work shop. The workshop is scheduled for March 29, 2016 at the research center. No other info to report at this time.

Grants: CCMGA did not receive the Fiskars grant. Harriett Jackson is continuing to research others.

Jane Mason: Water Festival: will be held at the Jemison First Baptist Church. March 10, 2016 Many volunteers still needed. Contact Jane if you can help.

Program: Nelson Wynn, Lawn Care on your Turf. Nelson covered basic maintenance of numerous types of grasses, including appropriate cutting, fertilizing, and watering.

Open discussion:

Monday and Thursdays are regular work days at the demo garden. Everyone is welcome to help.

Linda Turnipseed announced she had numerous flower bulbs in her car free for anyone who wants some.

For today's meeting you can enter: Volunteer Hours: 1 hour for meeting plus travel time

If you had a responsibility at meeting that required more time--refreshments, set up, officers,etc-- include that too

CEU: 1 hour -- Home Lawn Maintenance