

CHILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS  
ASSOCIATION  
Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2017

Sondra Henley, President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. She welcomed and introduced visitors and 2017 interns that were present. She recognized all Veterans and thanked them for their service.

Martha Gothard, Master Gardener, gave a very informative presentation on how to care for and grow African Violets. She explained watering techniques are very important. Too much water will rot these plants and the signs of overwatering and under watering look the same. Also, soil preparation is very important. They don't use soil as other plants, they like lots of perlite and vermiculite mixed into the soil. Atmosphere is also very important. They like very moderate temperatures, if you are comfortable your African violet probably is also. Lighting is very important. They prefer nature lighting more than the grow lights. She also explained how to cut them back to keep them uniform in shape and size. This was a very interesting program and she had many pictures of her plants to show.

Pat Farmer, treasurer, stated that our check balance as of October 31, 2017 was \$4028.65. She read the report and asked for it to be accepted as read. Harriett Jackson made a motion to accept and it was seconded by Jackie Hickman. Motion was approved.

Lanell Baker, acting secretary, asked for a motion to approve the minutes posted on our web site. Pat Farmer made a motion to accept and Rick Miller seconded. The motion was approved. She also read two thank you cards, one from Autauga County and one from Elmore County, for the tour of the Demonstration Garden that some of our Master Gardeners helped with.

Old Business: Pat Farmer reminded us that our membership dues for CCMGA and AMGA are due on or before November 30, 2017. There will be a late fee charged after that date. If you

are not going to renew your membership she needs to know ASAP.

New Business: Alice Broome reminded members that they get two tickets for \$5.00 each. See her or you can go by the Extension Office and purchase them. Also, please sell tickets! Ticket sales have been declining the last couple of years and if they don't sell well this year we may not have a Christmas Home Tour next year.

If you are bringing greenery to help decorate the homes, take it to Ann Baker's House on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup>. An e-mail will be sent out to remind you. Make sure you bring the greenery in buckets of water so it will stay fresh for decorating on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

New this year, three door prizes will be drawn at the Extension Office at 4:15PM after the tour.

Nominations for MG of the Year and Service Project of the Year will be taken at our January, 2018 meeting. Take a form to submit your nominee and tell us why you are nominating them.

Trisha Williams stated there have been some changes made to our CCMGA Standing Policies. She read the lines that had been changed and explained the changes. Please pick up a copy, read and study it. We will vote on the changes at our December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Committee Reports:

Cards – only birthday cards have been sent in the last couple of months.

Christmas Luncheon – Susan Cleckler, co-chair, stated there are sign-up sheets on the table for food, setup and cleanup. Our Luncheon will be, December 12, at Petals from the Past because of the special election being held at Jemison City Hall. There will be a short business meeting at 10:00 AM and meal at 11:00 AM. Dirty Santa and fellowship will follow the meal. Susan estimates we will serve around 60 people.

MG Class – Trisha Williams, Pat Farmer and Audrey Giles,

announced the new Master Gardeners Volunteer class will be January 24 – April 11, 2018 at the Chilton County Extension Office. There are flyers with all information on it. Please take them and post them around town or hand them to people that have expressed an interest in becoming a Master Gardener.

Class is limited to 20 people.

Nominating Committee –The committee presented the new officers for 2018 to be voted on. Those being nominated are: President – Sondra Henley, Vice-president – Susan Cleckler, Treasurer – Pat Farmer, Secretary – Lanell Baker. They also ask if there were any other nomination from the floor. There being none, a motion to accept these nominees for 2018 was called for. Pat Farmer made the motion to accept and Harriett Jackson seconded. The motion was approved.

Larry Jones received his certification badge for completing all his class work and volunteer hours. Welcome to the Master Gardeners Larry.

Spring Fund Raiser – Lee Walters asked if you have items to donate for our spring fund raiser please bring them to the Extension Office no later than the Friday before the sale. Also, make sure you have them priced and tagged before you bring them.

There were several door prizes drawn for during our meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

There were 31 members and visitors present.