

CHILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION  
Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2018

President, Sondra Henley, opened our meeting at 9:30 AM.

After welcoming our members and guest, she told us of some members that were having medical problems and needed cards sent to them.

Skip Coulter – Prostate cancer; Ann Baker – Knee surgery; Jane Mason – eye surgery; Larry Jones – heart attack and stents.

Sondra read the following:

**“President’s Message for the New 2018 Year**

**Thank you for putting your trust in me to administrate and lead another year. Having met with the Board to review the activity opportunities and the 2018 proposed budget, CCMGA’s progress amazes me.**

**In 2006, twelve years ago, I took the MG class. I too wondered how and where I would achieve those 50 certification hours. When one reviews the Activities List you can understand why we say we partner with ACES. They need us and we need them. ACES will arrange education in QuickBooks, Word, Excel, Power Point, Publisher and Photos for us this year. CCMGA has members that are MG representatives on various committees associated with ACES and Chilton County.**

**Not only is our partnership with ACES important but our CCMGA projects are too. This year we plan to put a permanent cover over the Shade Garden at the CREC site and finish Phase 5 at the Demo Garden located at the Extension Office. Phase 5 will be located at the backside of the office building. This bed will house hydrangeas and other plant material.**

**Our commitment to host the 2019 AMGA Conference will cost us time and energy as we begin to put plans in place. We will be building tabletops and stenciling them with checker boards. Contracts must be signed with food and other vendors. Silent Auction items must be gathered and signage made. Speakers must be scheduled. Decorations must be planned and design executed for each conference activity.**

**Along with our projects, we have fund raisers to organize. This spring we will host a “Garage Sale Type” event including a plant sale. As you bring in your new, don’t forget to bring us your old. Items that are gently used and in good repair are needed, including clothes and shoes, small appliances, books, curtains, wall décor, etc.**

**CCMGA is as busy as the bees we all want in our gardens. I hope you will join me in expectation of this New Year.**

**Sondra Henley,  
2018 President CCMGA”**

Sondra was presented a gift card from the CCMGA in appreciation for her leadership as president in 2017.

Lanell Baker, Secretary, was absent. The December minutes will be voted on at our February meeting.

Treasurer Pat Farmer read the complete bank report. Starting balance in December 2017 was \$4546.19 and ending balance was \$5203.44. Harriett Jackson moved to accept the report as read and Jackie Hickman seconded. Motion approved. Pat also stated she would set up the annual review of the financial records.

Alice Broome answered a question about the profit from the Christmas Home Tour. The income from the tour was \$1395.00; expenses were \$266.22 for a net profit of \$1128.78.

Susan Cleckler, Vice-president, introduced our speakers and program for this month, Autauga County Master Gardeners Rose McCauley and Paula Seamon. Rose and Paula have an Advanced MG Certificate in composting and vermicomposting. They gave a very interesting program on backyard composting. They showed us how to reduce, reuse and recycle items we have without putting it into the garbage. This program also included how to do vermicomposting to enhance your garden and soil. CEU earned for this program is 1 hour.

Sondra handed out a list of activities for 2018. She asked for the membership to look it over and get involved in these activities. She stated that the Demo Garden was an ongoing project and work days are anytime on Monday or Thursday, or any day you can help during the week. She also stated that if the project is helping ACES you would need to contact Gay West at Extension Office for information. Signup sheets are on the table in back. Also on the table, Susan has made a board showing our speakers, upcoming tours and events for this year. Please look over these and sign up for the tours you would like.

Sondra handed out copies of the proposed operating budget for 2018. She went over each line item on the budget then gave membership an opportunity to ask questions. After a short discussion time, Harriett Jackson moved that we approve the budget and Alan Reed seconded. The budget was approved by membership.

ACES will set up computer classes on Word, Excel, QuickBooks, and Power Point if there is enough interest. Others classes may be offered later. If you are interested please sign up; sheets are located in the back of the room. These classes will include members from Autauga and Shelby counties that are interested also. The classes are limited to 15 to 20 people.

The Board voted to keep our Christmas meeting and luncheon at Petals from the Past. The meal will be pot luck instead of a planned meal.

Lee Walters, fund raising, reported that we will have a garage – plant sale in April. Make a list of what you are bringing and give to him at our February meeting so he will know what to plan for. Also, please label and price all your items.

He is also planning an inside craft sale at Elizabeth Hall. This will cost approximately \$350.00; \$250.00 for rent and \$100.00 for advertisement. There is space for 15 vendors and MG will have a booth. Time and date for this will be announced later.

The Water Festival is scheduled for March 16, 2018. Need volunteers to help. The signup sheet is in back on the table.

Trisha Williams gave the report on volunteer hours for 2017. We are #14 in the state for 2017 out of 35. Badges and stars to be given out at our February meeting: Bronze star-0, Silver Star -0, Gold star – Anita McGhee, Ann Moore. Gold Badges – Imogene Bresse, Jimmy and Mildred Knowles, and Emerald Star – Sondra Henley.

If you have hours from last year you didn't get reported put them in this year 2018 because last year has been closed out.

Trisha also stated we need a MG class this year. Put out flyers and talk it up. We don't have enough for a class now.

Rick Miller was approved by the Board to present his idea of building a greenhouse at Raleigh's Place. This would give us a place to raise plants for sales and an opportunity to provide gardening education for foster children at the home and in Chilton County. He also told us about an opportunity to work at Hollywood Gardens in exchange for consignment plants to sell. We would set up an Ask a Master Gardener table and help with greenhouse chores. This could help us learn what is involved with running a green house. If you are interested enough in the project to volunteer your time, you will get hours for this, please sign the sheet in back.

During the meeting there were several door prizes given out. Those receiving door prizes were: Bob Bates, Diane Clapp, Pat Farmer, Audrey Giles, Linda Hays, Harriett Jackson, Ira Jones, Mildred Knowles, Joyce Lawson, Alan Reed, John Wallace and Lee Walters

There being no further business or discussions the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Member present: 28

Visitors: Rose McCauley, Paula Seamon, Chris Meyer and Kelley Dobbs

Total present: 32