

CHILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 2018

Susan Cleckler, VP, opened our meeting around 10:30 AM. Our May meeting is our annual plant swap and pot luck lunch. We had guests from Autauga County MGA and Shelby County MGA to join us along with other guests. Susan welcomed and thanked all members as well as our guests for coming to enjoy the beautiful day with us.

Lanell Baker, secretary, asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes that are posted on our website. There were none so she asked for a motion to accept the minutes as posted. Skip Coulter made the motion and Diane Clapp seconded. The motion was approved.

Trisha Williams reported that she is going to send out an email with the minutes each month so more members can read them.

Pat Farmer, treasurer, stated that she would give our financial report for April and May at our next meeting. She did give a report on the garage/plant sale we had on April 21. We took in \$2009.25 during the sale. There were \$68.51 for expenses taken from this amount leaving a profit of \$1940.74.

Also she was glad to announce that we had donated the \$100.00 to give Elaine Densmore for The Extension Support Personnel Conference the EO is hosting May 16th and 17th. Elaine is the president of the ESPA this year and is in charge of the conference.

Pat also reminded us of the Helpline. Sheet is on the table and she needs us to sign up to work.

Harriett Jackson explained about the Auction "Basket" they took to the 2018 AMGA conference from the CCMGA. It was a beautiful item with our "Party in the Garden" logo on it for our AMGA conference we will host next year. It brought \$185.00 at the silent auction.

Sondra, President, reminded us about planting the Jemison baskets tomorrow and Thursday. She handed out sheets with all the information on it. The more help we have the less time it will take.

She thanked Joyce Lawson and Alice Broome for all the work they did getting everything set up and decorated for today. She also thanked the men at the CREC for putting the tent up for us to use.

Susan Cleckler, VP, introduced our speaker, Michael Thomason. Michael is the VP of the AMGA. He asked if we had ever put a jigsaw puzzle together. He opened a 100 piece puzzle and poured it on the ground. He compared this puzzle to anyone trying to organize a conference. He stated, we, CCMGA, are way ahead in our planning for the 2019 conference than most. Each piece of the puzzle represents a person involved in organizing the conference. The corner pieces are the first to find, these represent the chair and co-chair persons to get things started. Then the side pieces you have to find to make the frame work, these are the other committee members. Then as you get closer to the date of the conference you start filling in with other pieces (workers) to finish the job. It will take each member of our association helping for us to have a successful conference. Conference dates are May 8, 9, and 10, 2019. After the conference is over, like finishing a puzzle, we'll want to relax and enjoy a job well done. He encouraged each one of us to jump in and help any way we can.

Susan, VP, said the Fern Glade tour will leave Jemison City Hall Parking lot at 8:45 AM on May 14. If you go on your own meet at the Blount Plaza Fountain at the BBG. It's not too late to sign up for this tour, the sign-up sheet is on the table.

Sondra, again reminded everyone she needs help tomorrow at Jemison to plant the baskets.

There being no more business or comments the meeting was adjourned around 11:00 AM.

After our meeting adjourned, Skip Coulter, asked the blessing on our food. Every one enjoyed all the delicious food and after eating we drew numbers for our plant swap.

A fun time was had by all.

Guests present:

Shelby County: Kate Vogel, Merle Schukoske, Myra Healy, and Heidee Vansant.

Autauga County: Ofie McCoy, Tim McCoy, Lanell Tatum, Patti Teel, Cheri Cook and Lee Thomas.

Guest speaker AMGA, VP, Michael Thomason, and Nelson Wynn.

Members present: 32

Total present: 44