

CHILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2019

President, Susan Cleckler, called our meeting to order at 9:30 AM. She welcomed all members, interns and visitors to our meeting.

Larry Jones led our group in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Secretary, Lanell Baker, asked for a motion to accept the minutes as posted to our website. Elizabeth York made the motion, seconded by Harriett Jackson. Motion was approved.

Treasurer, Audrey Giles, read the financial report stating the end of month, May 2019, balance of \$6253.15. She stated the shade cloth still needs some corrections and repairs before we pay the final \$1400.00. She asked for a motion to accept the report as read. Skip Coulter made the motion to accept seconded by Diane Clapp. The motion was approved.

Brian Smith, a forester with the Alabama Forestry Commission did our program on Tree Recognition and Native Species. He gave a very detailed and informative program on all aspects of our forest and woodlands in Alabama. He focused on, Production, Education and Forest Health. When planting Pine seedlings plant approximately 554 trees to an acre. Tap root of Pines need to be straight down in ground for a sturdy tree. If planting Hardwood seedlings they need to be approximately 20 to 25 feet apart. He also discussed disease and insect problems on all our trees. He brought many different types of limbs from trees for the group to identify using the "A Key to Common Trees of Alabama" brochure from the Alabama Cooperative Extension System ANR-509. There was a long list of invasive trees and shrubs. He suggested to identify the plant then figure out how to get rid of them. Also, if you need help planting a forest there are several cost share programs you may be eligible for just contact him through the Extension Office or the Forestry

Commission. This was a very fun and educational program.

There were many door prizes given out thanks to the Birmingham Conference. They donated many bags they had left over. Also, there were some silent auction items left from our conference that we are auctioning off. These items are on table in back so go by and place a bid on them. Highest bidder at end of meeting will get them.

Susan announced this is the last week we can get plants at CREC before Jim's house is torn down.

Susan also read a thank you note from Teresa Goodson from the Capital City Master Gardeners for having such an organized AMGA conference.

Susan announced the CREC field day is scheduled for August 17, Saturday, 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM. Some of the activities are fruit cutting/tasting, ask a Master Gardener tent, plant sale, selling water, clay pots and hand out brochures. We need workers there all day so sign up to work the hours you can help. Signup sheet is in the back. There will be CREC workshops from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM on Fire Ants, a Fig Workshop, Trap Plots and Chic Chain, etc.

Elizabeth York, Chairman of our 2020 Plant Sale, stated she will be asking people to help with this committee. The date has been set for April 18, 2019 with a rain date of April 25 if needed. She ask everyone to be dividing and potting up plants for the sale now. Every plant has to be rooted or they will not be accepted. All plants should be in 4" up to 3 gallon pots. No cell packs. Have a picture of the plant in bloom if it will not be blooming at time of sale. Make sure all plants are labeled with name, requirements, height etc. The committee will price the plants. We need perennials, fruit trees and shrubs, herbs and vegetable, house plants and yard whimsies.

Trisha Williams presented Cheryl and Ron Herbster with their badge and certificate for completing all requirement to be certified as a Chilton County Master Gardener. Good job Cheryl and Ron and welcome to CCMGA.

Susan announced we need 3 or 4 people willing to learn how to

set up our computer for our programs. If you can help let Susan know.

Sondra Henley is going to order grease markers for labeling plants. If you want one let her know. She also stated the DEMO garden is finished and just needs to be maintained.

There being no further announcements or business the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Members present:	28
Interns present:	10
Visitors:	3
Total present:	41