

CCMGA Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2020

Meeting held at Goose Pond Park outdoor Pavillon, Clanton, AL

The meeting was called to order at 09:40 am by President Susan Cleckler. All members present sat outside wearing face masks and socially distanced.

This is our first meeting since the State of Alabama directive to cease and desist all meetings due to the Pandemic. Auburn Home Grounds Director, Kerry Smith, sent an email letting us know how to proceed with our meetings on Saturday October 10, 2020.

Larry Jones led us in a moment of silence, for those that we have lost during the COVID-19 Pandemic, (Bob Bates), Cheryl Herbster's (Father), Margaret Goolsby (Husband).

We welcomed one guest, Keith Brooks. We recognized October birthdays.

Audrey Giles, Treasurer was not present. Pat Farmer gave the Treasure's report. March through September financials were reconciled. September beginning and ending balance was \$8,122.57. Several MG's sold on their own, several plants that we were collecting for the plant sale that was cancelled in April. This total in plant sales came to \$520.00.

Charla Doucet, Vice President, was not present. She passed along to Susan Cleckler, that the speaker line up for this year has been cancelled due to the Pandemic.

Susan Cleckler reported that the Jemison Municipal Building, where we hold our meetings, has still not reopened and that at this time they are not booking any large groups. Susan is actively looking for a site where we can safely meet and socially distance. She appealed to the group to help her find a location. We discussed that there might be a cleaning fee. Diane Clapp said she would check into her church in Maplesville. Gail Brooks said she has a large enclosed and insulated shop on her farm where we could possibly meet. Someone mentioned Chestnut Creek Church and Shoney's meeting room.

Jemison Plantings. Sondra Henley and the intern class, cleaned out 13 of the pots and replanted. Ron Herbster has a 25 gallon water tank that he volunteered to water the plantings if it doesn't rain.

Trisha Williams reported that the Gold, Platinum, and Ruby Star badges that were to be presented at our State Conference Meeting, that was cancelled, have been distributed to the MG's that earned them. Their names are listed in the March meeting notes.

During the Pandemic shutdown, 4 interns accomplished their 50 hour requirement for membership. They were, Patricia Agee, Gail Brooks, Jim Rabey and Linda Church, not present. They were given bags with a copy of the bylaws and a CCMGA t-shirt.

Trisha also reported that an email sent out from Kerry Smith stated that this years CEU requirement for MG's could be acquired online through the numerous Zoom meetings being recorded and listed the link on the aces.edu website.

Trisha also mentioned that there is a new box on the volunteer webpage for the Grow More Give More program where you can list the food that you grew in pounds and donated to anyone in the community. Count your grow time and include this in your volunteer hours. You can also get a Grow More Give More sign from Extension and place in your yard to create more awareness.

Sondra Henley and Harriet Jackson made a presentation to Gay West, Chilton County extension office coordinator. They had nominated Gay West for the Gary Murray Outstanding Service and Dedication award. She was selected and was to be recognized as the winner at the state AMGA conference which had been cancelled.

Thorsby School plantings are still on hold. Susan is checking to see if we can go to the school property on a Saturday to prep the beds.

Demo garden update. Workdays are Mondays and Thursdays from 8 - 10 am through October. We will purchase some topsoil to backfill areas were plants have been thinned out. Weeds have been pulled. We need some 1 gallon pots to plant up thinned plants for the plant sale in April.

Extension office garden. Sondra Henley reported that there is a grass problem that they are working to control this. In the spring, more work will need to be done on plantings and pruning.

Plant Sale update. We are still planning to do some sort of plant sale in April. Still keep potting up plants you are thinning out at home.

We decided to have next months meeting on November 10, 2020 at 9:30 am at the Goose Pond Park Pavilion. Bring a chair and face mask.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am

Members attended. 31

Interns. 6

Guests. 1

Submitted by Secretary Elizabeth York