

CHILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes June 8, 2021

Petals From The Past

- **Pat Farmer**, President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. She thanked Charla Doucet for filling in for her at the May membership meeting. She also thanked everyone for emails, cards, calls and condolence in their son's passing.
- **Pat Farmer** welcomed members, interns and guests. Pat recognized June birthdays: Patricia Agee, Peggy McGraw, Joan Crocker, Wayne Freeman and Joan Davis
- **Larry Jones** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.
- **May Meeting Minutes** – given by Treasia Bennett with highlights of May meeting held at Higgins Ferry Pavilion on Lake Mitchel. No additions or changes were made. Minutes accepted as posted on CCMG website.
- **Treasurer Report** – given by Judy Cobb, bookkeeper. Audrey Giles still not feeling well. Beginning balance \$9,933.28 + \$100.00 deposits – \$205.26 uncleared checks and payments = \$9,828.02 Ending Balance.
- **Charla Doucet** introduced speaker, Betsy Smith, Southeast District Delegate, The Herb Society of America. Betsy is a member of Chilton County Master Gardeners and works at Petals From the Past. She specializes in Herbs. There are five families of herbs: Lamiaceae (mint), Asteraceae (daisy), Apiaceae (Carrot), Ameryllidaceae (onion) and Lauraceae (laurel). We learned most herbs like sandy, well-drained soil, amount of sunlight, watering, spacing and the duration of each family as perennial, 3-6 months, 6-12 months or years. A handout was given describing how to harvest herbs, how to dry herbs and where to learn more about herbs.
- Gay West retirement gift – Pat Farmer and Trish Williams discussed Gay is a STATE employee and cannot take gifts greater than \$25. Gay wishes for the gift to go to a charity. The collected funds for Gay's retirement will be decided to either split or go to one of the following: 4-H and/or MG Scholarship fund depending on amount collected.
- Demo Garden Update given by Sharon Hosch – On-going weekly Tuesday workdays from 8-10. This is not heavy-duty work, just controlling weeds and maintenance of plants. Sharon asked for any questions. She also encouraged other members to come out and help.
- Extension Garden update given by Gail Brooks – this project is coming along with concentration on eliminating nutgrass, replaced Indian Hawthorns with Gardenias, irrigation in, and hydrangeas are beautiful in back.
- Helpline – presented by Pat Farmer - Can sign up to work on the website. This project is having problems with getting sufficient volunteers. Pat asked for and signed up volunteers for June 28-July 2 workdays and August 2-6 workdays.
- Hospitality – Lynn Webb did a great job and recognized on refreshment cups of radishes and carrots for members. Pat Farmer hopes to return to members bringing food at Christmas Luncheon and forward in 2022.
- Grow More Give More – Trisha Williams ask to report hours spent in planting, growing, harvesting and sharing of donated vegetables to anyone. Also count pounds donated, i.e., Walmart bag = 12 lbs.
- 2021 AMGA grant \$1700 – Trisha Williams reported laptop, projector, voice amp, screen have been obtained. Software purchase and registration is still outstanding. All but a small amount has been spent and committee wishes to ask for a padded cart for transporting equipment. Equipment is stored in a secure place at the ACES Office.
- Pat Farmer discussed scheduling upcoming 501C3 internal review of financials by Jackie Hickman
- Open discussion:
 - Charla Doucet informed of tour of Petals From The Past after membership meeting.

- Charla Doucet discussed need at Higgins Ferry Pavilion for consult on more attractive ideas which designated funds must be used by September 2021.
- 3 guests attended the meeting and were introduced: Gail Brooks' grandson Riley, Larry Jones' grandson, and Rick Miller's friend, Amy Baker.
- Amy Baker was introduced by Rick Miller. Amy has lots of plants on her property that she would like for master gardeners to come and dig up. These plants can be potted for a plant sale or to have.

- Adjournment - Pat Farmer dismissed the meeting at 10:44.

Members Present:

26 members

3 interns

3 guests

1 speaker

33 Total

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Treasia Bennett