

CCMGA MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2022
CLANTON RECREATION CENTER

CALL TO ORDER – Pat Farmer at 9:30 a.m.

PLEDGE TO FLAG: Clem Clapp

APRIL BIRTHDAYS: Bettye Glass, Joan Barber, Lamar Giles, Wally Walters and Larry Jones.

MINUTES – Review of March Minutes presented by Treasia Bennett. She asked for any corrections or additions as shown on March minutes posted on CCMG website. There were no corrections or changes so minutes stand as posted. Get well card sent to Larry Jones.

FINANCES –Lyn Webb gave financials for March 2022:

\$9,435.81 Beginning Balance

\$9,047.24 Ending Balance.

\$388.57 Checks

\$ 0.00 Checks Outstanding

PROGRAM –Hype About Hemp by Jessica Kelton, a Regional Extension Agent in the Wiregrass area, Southeast Alabama. Jessica's program areas are Agronomic Crops, Farm and Agribusiness Management. Hemp is cannabis sativa, hybrid. It is a cousin to marijuana. Hemp is same species as marijuana but different property having less than .3% of THC (byproduct that gets you high). This dry weight of hemp was arbitrarily from a 1970's established measurement. Hemp looks and smells the same as marijuana. Hemp originally grown for fiber production. The understanding of hemp has not changed much over the years – how to use it, not much research, growers have dropped farming/growing due to lack of market demands, concepts not true, we don't know how to use or develop it, and regulation. Hemp is not regulated by the FDA but is grown, distributed, and sold for CBD supplements and oils used for pain relief, arthritis, ED, Epilepsy. There are male and female plants. The male plants are not good and usually thinned or removed because the male plant makes concentration content to go down. The female plant is a bushy plant and easily distinguished from male plant. The plant is harvested and hung upside down for drying to harvest buds which are sticky and amber color. The plants are usually organically grown because cannot use herbicides, pesticides and metals in soil can be pulled up into the plant.

PLANT SALE – Pat Farmer. The plant sale will be at Goose Pond Park on Friday, April 15 – 16, 2022. Setup and pricing will be Friday, April 16 at 7:30 until noon. The sale will begin Friday, April 15 at noon until 4:00 then resume on Saturday, April 16, at 8:00 am. Plants need to be delivered inside the park by entering the gate and driving to designated unloading area for pricing and setting up plants for sale. Labels will be displayed on tables of types of plants. The prices of plants will be color coded. For the sale, we need boxes, wagons for transporting to vehicles, and country store items. Members were assigned for various tasks: unloading, pricing, placing, signs, tickets, money, sales, and country store.

Blue – small pots \$1.00

Red – 4" pots - \$3.00

Lime green – 1 gallon \$5.00

Orange – 2 gallon \$7.00

Yellow - 3 gallon \$10.00

White – priced as marked

ASK A MASTER GARDENER at GARRISON'S – Pat Farmer still need someone for April 23 for 8-12. Duty is to assist customers in selection and answer questions only.

GROW MORE GIVE MORE – Pat Farmer, Trisha Williams. Record time in growing, gathering and donating. Also record how much given, i.e., a Walmart plastic bag is approximately 12 lbs. of squash.

INTERN LUNCH –Trisha Williams. Lunch will be provided to the intern class on April 28 at the ACES office. The menu will be various salads, sandwiches, and desserts. A signup sheet was passed around. The count will be 11 plus ACES office staff and servers

TALKS IN THE GARDEN – Sharon Hosch and Trisha Williams. Four talks have been planned and scheduled for the demo garden. Members are encouraged to attend and bring someone with them.

Native Garden – Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 10:00 -10:45.

Pollinator Garden - Tuesday, Jun. 7, 2022, 10:00 -10:45.

Herb Garden - Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2022, 10:00 -10:45.

Shade Garden - Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022, 10:00 -10:45.

WHO'S GOING TO CONFERENCE – Pat Farmer. Six members from CCMG are planning on attending Alabama Master Gardener Spring Conference in Montgomery, Alabama from May 2 - 4, 2022.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- HELPLINE: Pat Farmer. Signup sheet on registration table.
- PLANT SWAP (May 10th, Goose Pond Park, potluck lunch) – Pat Farmer. Attendees are to bring a nice plant for swapping if they wish to participate. Numbers will be drawn for the plants. Attendees are also to bring a dish for the lunch.
- ACES Office: Gail Brooks. Workday on Mondays at 9:00. Work has picked up and need additional help. They are installing irrigation under the sidewalk.

ADJOURNMENT – Pat Farmer dismissed the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Members Present:

25 members

1 guest

8 interns

34 total