

CCMGA MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2022
CLANTON RECREATION CENTER

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

PLEDGE TO FLAG: Cheryl Gritton

JUNE BIRTHDAYS: Peggy McGraw, Patricia Agee.

MINUTES – Review of April and May Minutes presented by Treasia Bennett. She asked for any corrections or additions as shown on April and May minutes posted on CCMG website. There were no corrections or changes so minutes stand as posted. Sympathy cards sent to Charla and Kaylee Doucet, Treasia Bennett, and Trisha Williams

FINANCES –Lyn Webb gave financials for May 2022:

\$11,023.39 Beginning Balance

\$11,206.65 Ending Balance.

\$589.60 Deposits

\$135.24 Withdrawals

\$271.10 Checks

\$ 0.00 Checks Outstanding

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EXTENSION COORDINATOR - Pat Farmer introduced the new Chilton Extension Coordinator, Lucy Edwards. Lucy received high accolades and a warm welcome. Lucy specializes in home grounds, gardens and home pests; supplemental nutrition assistance program – education. Chilton County is so happy to have Lucy with us.

PROGRAM – Gail Brooks introduced the speaker, Jesse Owen of Anniston/Calhoun County for this month's program titled "ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A FARMER". Jesse had a spinning wheel with categories listed: Fruit/Veg, Livestock, Poultry, Plants, General, Free Choice, and Row Crops. The wheel was spun by a master gardener and as it stopped on a category, Jesse posed a question to the contestant and if the answer was correct, a prize was awarded. This was such a fun game where we gained so much knowledge or realized how smart a farmer is. There were many prizes awarded in some cases due to audience participation.

GEOCACHE: - Sharon Hosch for Hugh Nichols. What is Geocache? Sharon presented a slide presentation on Geocaching. Geocaching is an outdoor treasure-hunting activity that uses GPS-enabled devices. In geocaching, participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the "**geocache**," Geocaching is a type of global treasure hunt of people looking for caches, or hidden stashes of objects. Participants download an APP Geocaching.com and create an account in the APP. Chilton County have hidden sites with the Demo Garden being one of them and a couple had found our treasure at the "Stairway to Nowhere".

DEMO GARDEN – Sharon Hosch (Talks in the Garden). Four talks are planned to 2022. The first talk was held on May 17, 2022 and presented by Trisha Williams on The Native Garden. The second talk was on June 7, 2022 presented by Harriet Jackson on The Pollinator Garden. The remaining talks will be September and October. The talks were informative and well received. Flyers have been posted at Petals from the Past. A mailbox was erected for guest to sign in when visiting the gardens. Beginning in July, workdays will on 1st and 3rd Mondays.

EXTENSION GARDEN: Ruby Moberg. The front flower beds irrigation is finished. The back flower bed

irrigation is upcoming. This group of volunteers are needing a few more helpful hands to make work lighter for all. They work half hour to an hour. Beginning in July, workdays will be the 2nd and 4th Mondays.

REC CENTER WATERING SCHEDULE – Pat Farmer, Susan Cleckler and Audrey Giles. The front bed where Rec Center sign has been planted. Volunteers are needed weekly to water the beautiful flowers. A signup sheet was passed around to sign up.

HELP LINE: Pat Farmer. The helpline starts June 15. Volunteers are desperately needed. A signup sheet is on registration table.

FALL INTERN CLASS - Lucy Edwards. Two tracts will be presented this fall. 1) an online class for information and 2) online class portal consisting of zoom, canvas, in person labs and training, and Q & Q group. Chilton class needs interaction from master gardener members for mentoring and interns getting to know us.

PLANT SALE - Pat Farmer. Start propagating now for next year's sale. The 2023 sale is scheduled for third weekend in April at Goose Pond Park. Gail Brooks has pots for planting. Blooming plants sell best.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Elaine Densmore retiring. Pat asked membership to contribute to a LOVE donation and try to attend retirement reception at the ACES office.
- Rick Miller brought up the need for a greenhouse for the Chilton County Master Gardeners. Plants can be grown for plant sale and any plants needed for projects. He proposed a minimum of half acre of land containing water and electricity. Pat Farmer is going to talk to the Mayor of Clanton of any potential sites. The board must make sure the membership agrees with this proposal. Rick agreed to organize a committee for this project and start investigating requirements. Jim Rabey, Allen Reed, and Sharon Hosch agreed to be on the committee. Pat suggested talking to Kiwanis Club and Lions Club. Pat asked committee for an update at the next monthly meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – Pat Farmer dismissed the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Members Present:

23 members

3 guests

6 interns

32 total