



WASHINGTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
Minutes
March 3, 2021

Present: 94

Quorum: Yes

Guests: Madeline Samec, Speaker. 6 Trainees.

The March meeting of the WCMG membership was again held virtually with Colin Massey serving as host.

Call to Order. President Kathryn Birkhead called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

Approval of February Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes with amendments by Joyce Mendenhall and seconded by Diane Standefer. Motion carried.

Approval of January Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve by Mel Zabecki and seconded by Diane Standefer. Motion carried.

Committee reports

- 30th Anniversary Committee (Judy Smith).

Watch Mail Chimp for tee-shirt and mask order form. The shirts will be teal in color, and not the heavy-duty ones we have ordered in the past. The masks will probably be gray with a Master Gardener logo.

Send in photos and memories for April newsletter to wcmgnewsletter@gmail.com by March 19.

- New Class Committee

Elizabeth Hale reported that we could still use more help with mentoring and assistance with class planning.

Welcome to trainees:

Nan Abbiatti

David Beck

Sommer Beck

Alison Brashears

Jade Cameron

Leslie Crawford

Kinley Davenport

Laura Dell

Keri Fultz

Teri Kinsey

Serenity Lewis

Valerie McClendon

Brooke Spenser

Mike Spenser

Erin Tilley

Carol van Scyoc

- Website and Photo Committee

Kitty Sanders reported February contest winners:

1st - Remembering Summer by DeLee Holbert

2nd – Frosted Echinacea by Talya Boerner

3rd – Bee Hoping for Spring by Kathy Launder

March theme: Wooden Structures in the Garden – due by March 15

Find photo contest information on the website – wcmgar.org, News and Events tab.

Send photos to wcmgphotos@gmail.com

Announcements

- Chris Bell showed us a copy of the March Citiscapes Magazine with an article about the MG 30th Anniversary.
- Colin wished to thank Elizabeth Hale for her work on coordinating trainees and mentors.

Adjournment of Business Meeting

The president forgot she needed to adjourn the business meeting and moved straight into the program. The secretary sent a message to remind her that the meeting had never adjourned, so following the presentation by Madeline Samec, the president finally called for adjournment at 7:30 pm, even though in fact the business meeting had ended at 6:40 pm.

Following the meeting, Karen Hannah-Towne read the poem *Piano Lessons*, from the book, *Sailing Around the Room Alone* written by Billy Collins.

The program “Learning to Love Moss” was presented by Madeline Samec, Compton Gardens & Arboretum Site Manager.

Karen announced that our program for April will be the 30th Anniversary celebration, and May’s program will be Dr. JoAnn Westphall on “Healing Gardens”. She is retired and a former teacher of Landscape Architecture at Michigan State University.

Colin told us there will not be an update from the state office until after March 31, concerning meeting restrictions and hours. A minimum of 20 education hours will be required. It is not known at this time how many volunteer hours will be required to maintain membership.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Hughes