



WASHINGTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
Minutes
November 3, 2020

Present: 78

Quorum: Yes

For the health and safety of all members, the November meeting of the WCMG membership was held virtually. Colin Massey served as host.

Call to Order. President Kathryn Birkhead call the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Approval of October Minutes. Patsy Louk offered the following correction to the October minutes:

Call to Order. *President Kathryn Birkhead called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm and recognized our own **Garden Explorers** team for receiving the 2019 State MG Excellence in Education Award. It was presented in September prior to the statewide MG Awards Zoom video program.*

Motion to approve with this correction by D. Standefer and seconded by M. Zabecki. Motion carried.

Approval of September Treasurer's Report. C. Bell noted that there had been little activity and that a \$200.00 clerical error from the August report had been corrected. The correction did not change the balance. Motion to approve by K. Hanna-Town and seconded by S. Young. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Endowment Committee. Dolores Stamps, Endowment Committee Chair, reported \$2004.00 matched grant funds deposited as of 10/30/2020 and reminded members to use the Endowment Fund form when submitting checks made out to A.D.C. and to write "grant match" on the memo line of the checks.

New Class and Mentoring Committee. Birkhead announced ~~the~~ that the following 2020 trainees have completed their Master Gardener training:

Leslie Bailey
Keith Blowers
Randy Butler
Elizabeth Hale

Katherine Jones
Kevin Manning
Phyllis McGinty
Annie Moore

Janine Parry
Kimberly Plavcan
Kayla Schoonover
Jennifer Siedschlag

Audley Hall
Terry Hedden
Kimberly Hosey

Michelle Mounce
Brad Neidecker

Lynette Terrell
Teresa Youngblood

Birkhead also announced that Elizabeth Hale is the 2021 chairperson of this new committee.

New Business:

2021 Budget Adoption. Bell presented the 2021 proposed budget as was published in the Garden Thyme and commented that there were few changes, but some added to expenses for community outreach. She also noted that the budget is balanced and she and Birkhead thanked the finance committee for their work. Motion to approve by D. Stamps and seconded by S. Young. Motion carried.

Recognition of Five Year, Ten Year, and Lifetime Members.

Birkhead presented the following list of Five Year Service Awards (2015):

Geri Alvis	Jim MacLean	Linda Morrow
Chris Bell	Linda MacLean	Donilyn Rutherford
Steve Brizzi	Judy Hyden	Mary Oxford
Janet Brown	Martha McBride	Carolyn Woodruff
Dawn Didier	Mary McCully	Mike Wulf
Floy Griggs		

Massey presented the following list of Ten Year Service Awards (2010):

Marguerite Abowitz	Jill King
Jane Bryant	Betty Nichols
Ruth Cohoon	Becky Witte
Ellen Jones	

Massey recognized **Jane Scroggs**, who was unable to attend, for Lifetime membership.

Announcements:

- Patsy Louk is continuing as County 76 president for two more years. Birkhead thanked Louk for her service locally and across the state.
- Judy Smith is chairing the WCMG 30th anniversary committee.
- Membership Actions: Bell reminded members to pay dues of \$20.00 by December 1 (late fee of \$5.00 after this date). Mail dues to WC Extension Office with attention to Chris Bell. There is no form for the dues payment. Massey noted that this does not include trainees since this is covered for the first year by their course fees. Members were also reminded to enter education hours by December 15. Work hours can be used to meet the required 20 education hours.
- Nominations for Awards: Joyce Mendenhall, Awards Chair, announced the December 1 deadline for awards nominations and encouraged all members to look at the forms to

consider nominations ASAP in all categories. The Awards Committee will review the nominations.

- Virtual Christmas Party and Graduation on December 1: Since our Christmas party will be virtual this year, Steve Brizzi announced that members are asked to provide a seasonal recipe to Susan Gardener who will collect and publish them electronically for us. More information about this project will be forthcoming. Members are encouraged to donate food to a local pantry since we aren't meeting in person. Susan Young is gathering pictures of the 2020 graduates to be used at the December 1 meeting.
- Photo of the Month Winner: Annie Moore, Watermelon
November theme: Water in the Garden; deadline for submissions is November 15
- Master Gardener Calendars: Patsy Louk announced that 250 calendars have been sold and expressed her thanks for the sales plus the option to order more. Massey thanked her for this service.

Adjournment of Business Meeting

There being no other business to come before the group with a motion to adjourn from Brizzi, the business meeting ended at 6:54 pm.

Tonight's Program: Introduced by Steve Brizzi, guest speaker Lucy Capelle discussed the culture and challenges of the Marshallese community in Northwest Arkansas. She described the Marshallese Garden Project which offers fresh produce to the community as a means of promoting healthy eating and education about gardening in Northwest Arkansas. Capelle shares her harvest and recipes with many elderly Marshallese community members. Questions were moderated by Colin Massey who suggested a possible swap or seed donation project in the spring.

The program closed at 7:17 pm with Birkhead thanking Lucy and applauding her efforts in this community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Morrow