

## WASHINGTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Regular Meeting

February 5, 2019

CONVENED: 6:30 PM

PRESENT: 109 members and 1 guest

### CALL TO ORDER:

President Susan Young called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with a special thank-you to the newsletter editors.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The first order of business was the approval of the January 2019 meeting minutes.

It was moved that the January minutes be amended to reflect that the change in the bylaws that had been considered in January was intended to align our county bylaws with the Arkansas Master Gardener Program Management Guide, not with the state bylaws, as had been recorded. The motion was seconded.

During discussion, the following amendment to that amendment was presented:

Under "New Business, Bylaws Change" after the final sentence ending with the words "... thirty – one opposed it. "

ADD:" Whereas: the Bylaws changes presented were not previously reviewed and reported at the 2018 Annual Business Meeting by the Bylaws Committee, 10-day notice (only 2 days provided) to the active membership was not given, and, the motion did not receive a minimum of a 2/3 majority of votes of the members present in favor of the Bylaws Proposed Changes; as required by and in accordance with the Washington County Master Gardeners Bylaws, and, *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, the motion was not adopted by the required 2/3 vote of the members present."

Concerning the inclusion of this text in the minutes of the January meeting, the parliamentarian emphasized that the minutes are to reflect actions taken during a meeting, regardless of the appropriateness of those actions, and that, while the facts stated in the proposed amendment above are correct, those mistakes were realized *after* the meeting had concluded. President Young stated that the vote on amending the bylaws that was taken at the January meeting was indeed out of order and that she had notified the membership of that fact via email once she became aware of it. After further discussion, President Young called for a vote on the amendment to the amendment, and it was defeated.

President Young then called for the vote on the original amendment to the January minutes, which was that the change in the bylaws considered in January was presented to align our county bylaws with the Arkansas Master Gardener Program Management Guide, not with the state bylaws. The motion to accept the amendment passed.

It was moved and seconded that the amended minutes be accepted. The motion passed.

#### BYLAWS REVISION:

It was moved and seconded to indefinitely postpone the bylaws revision that had been proposed in January. The motion passed.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Acceptance of treasurer's report for December was moved and seconded. The motion passed.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Photo Contest:** Kitty Sanders presented the photo contest winner for January, with the theme Beauty in the Winter Garden. Kitty was the winner. She also demonstrated how to find the themes for each month and view past winners. Kitty emphasized the importance of accessing the website for Washington County Master Gardener reports and other useful information.

**Garden Thyme:** Judy Smith said that the February Garden Thyme that went out last week contains the names of the four people who work on it: Tanya Collins, Mary McCully and Judy Smith manage the content, preparing items; Tiffany Selvey then puts those articles and pictures into the electronic format that is distributed.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**Project Sign-up:** Members don't need to sign up to continue in projects they worked in last year, but they should sign-up for projects that will be new to them.

**Ideas for Training Class:** President Young recognized those who had helped with this year's training class and said that Mariette Spidel would like to hear from people who have ideas about the training class. She asked that members pass along ideas for next year's class to Mariette.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Sunshine Committee:** Dian Holmes is the Sunshine Committee chair and asked that people get in touch with Joyce Mendenhall or with her if they are aware of someone who is sick or if a Master Gardener has died.

**Extension Office Grounds Crew:** Susan Gardner announced that the extension office grounds crew will have a brunch on March 20 from 9:00-11:00. The team will have craft days at the extension office on days that the weather prohibits working outside.

**Elkins Project:** Jan Judy noted that the Elkins group will meet at the Elkins Senior Center at 9:00 on Thursday (February 7) to get to know each other.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

**PROGRAM:**

The program, *Creating Pollinator Habitat*, was presented by Michelle Wisdom of the University of Arkansas Department of Horticulture.

Submitted by Kathryn Birkhead, Secretary