



WASHINGTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
Minutes
April 6, 2021

Present: 88 members; 8 trainees; 3 guests

Quorum: Yes

The April 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 6:30 pm.

Approval of March Minutes. A correction on number of members was made to 98. Motion to approve the minutes as corrected by Elizabeth Hale and seconded by Mel Zabecki. Motion carried.

Approval of February Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve by Karen Hanna-Towne and seconded by Susie McKinney. Motion carried.

Committee reports

- Peer Review – Master Gardeners Janice Torbett and Jennifer Siedschlag reviewed the records maintained in 2020 by Treasurer Chris Bell with assistance from Assistant Treasurer Wanda Gore and found that everything was in order and that past recommendations from the Peer Review team had been implemented
- Website update – Susan Young reported we have contracted with the Richland Group to do a re-design of the website and to provide regular maintenance for it. Funding is from the County Depository overseen by Staff Chair Katie Teague. She added that we need more good quality photos of members in action working on projects.
- Ask a Master update – Extension Office will remain closed for now, so Ask a Master volunteers will have calls forwarded to them at their private numbers

New Business

- Master Gardeners in the news
 - a. Patsy Louk conducting volunteer training at BGO
 - b. Jacqueline King working at BGO
 - c. Susie McKinney, Chris Bell and Doris Calleja working at the Extension Office

- Photo Contest
 - a. February winners (Theme – tropical plants)
 - i. Karen Takemoto – Homesick
 - ii. Chris Bell – Bat Wing and Whiskers
 - b. April Theme – Flowering Shrubs
 - i. Entries due by April 15
 - ii. Information for entering found on website

Announcements

- T-shirt and mask update: Orders should arrive mid-April. Those who ordered will get an email or text with pick-up instructions.
- UofA Horticulture Club Spring Plant Sale – Saturday, April 17, 9:00-1:00, 1005 W. Meade Dr., Fayetteville
- Botanical Garden of the Ozarks Plant Sale - 4/23 for members; 4/24 for non-members.
- Master Naturalists Plant Sale – June 2. Watch for details and an order form about a week before that.
- Karen Hanna-Towne announced the “Feed the Funnel” event was a great success. Thanks to Elizabeth Hale for organizing.

Adjournment of Business Meeting

There being no other business to come before the group this month and with a motion to adjourn from Susan Young, the business meeting concluded at 6:48 pm.

Following the meeting the program celebrating our 30th anniversary as an Arkansas Master Gardener group was presented by Judy Smith, 30th Anniversary Chair. Special guests were Janet Carson, former Pulaski County Extension Agent and state Consumer Horticulture Specialist; Merle Gross, Washington County Extension Agent at the founding of Washington County Master Gardeners; and Berni Kurz, former Washington County Extension Agent and staff chair and current state Consumer Horticulture Specialist. A virtual copy of the program will be emailed to all members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Hughes