

**WASHINGTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS**  
Regular Meeting  
Washington County Cooperative Extension Service Office  
April 2, 2019

PRESENT: 96 members and 2 guests

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Susan Young called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Interim Washington County Extension Agent Katie Teague announced that Colin Massey will begin as our new county agent on May 1.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the March minutes as submitted. The motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Acceptance of the treasurer's report for February was moved and seconded. In discussion, it was noted that there should only be \$500 in funds in the Extension Office account, but the treasurer's report shows a balance of \$672.16. Treasurer Jech explained that a reimbursement check that had been issued in 2018 from that account had still not cleared. When that check does clear, it will put the Extension Office account in compliance. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF 2018 PEER REVIEW:**

There was a motion to approve the 2018 peer review. The motion was seconded and passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- President Young introduced transfer member Sandy Jensen, who did her training in Baxter County in 2007.
- President Young announced that Karla Caraway will oversee orders for this year's t-shirts. Orders can be placed at the May 7 meeting, and anyone who is not at that meeting should get in touch with Karla if they wish to order. The charge for the shirts will be \$17 and must be paid upon ordering.
- Jan Lefler demonstrated how to access the Members Only tab of the Washington County Master Gardeners' website ([www.wcmgar.org](http://www.wcmgar.org)) and showed us what is available there. She emphasized that the password to access the Members Only portion of the

site (Butterfly2016) is **not** the same password that members use to access the state website for recording volunteer hours. Jan explained that the Washington County Master Gardener website is for Washington County only and that the state website on which volunteer hours are logged must be accessed by a unique username and password.

- Judy Smith, Kitty Sanders, and Jan Lefler are in charge of the Washington County website, and Jan invited members to join them. She also asked Master Gardeners to submit content for the Mentoring page on the website.
- Joyce Mendenhall asked for help with the Ask a Master volunteer project on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.
- Geri Alvis announced that she needs volunteers for Farm Friends on April 18.
- Mary Loftus will teach canning classes for youth and adults in the last week of June.
- There will be no plant exchange this year.
- President Young read a thank-you note from Master Gardener Carol Gulley expressing the Gulleys gratitude for our help during a very difficult time. They lost their home in a fire in December, and the Master Gardeners donated gift cards to area restaurants for them.
- President Young requested that anyone who sends a picture for use in the newsletter identify the people in the picture from left to right.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the business meeting at 6:54 PM.

#### PROGRAM:

Ralph Cooper of Van Buren spoke of some of the things he has learned over more than 30 years of growing roses and of some of the challenges he deals with in growing them in Arkansas. He currently has more than 100 varieties of roses and nearly 500 rose bushes, with hybrid tea roses his favorites. He talked about his regimen in maintaining his roses as pest and disease free as possible. He also highlighted the need to immediately **dig up and burn** roses that have been infected by rose rosette (witch's broom).

Submitted by Kathryn Birkhead, Secretary