

Washington County Master Gardeners Business Meeting August 3, 2021

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom. Present: 82 members. Quorum: Yes

Call to Order. President Kathryn Birkhead called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She thanked Colin Massey for his technical expertise in setting up the meeting for both in-person and Zoom attendance.

Approval of July Minutes. Dolores Stamps moved and Ruth Cohoon seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of June Treasurer's Report. Nancy Sloan moved and Ruth Cohoon seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. Birkhead commended WCMG treasurer Wanda Gore for her tenacity in working with the Bank of Fayetteville to resolve errant service charges to the WCMG checking account. Thanks to Gore efforts, the bank refunded \$295 to WCMG's account.

Nominations

The following slate of board members for 2022 has been approved by the board and will be voted on by the membership at the September annual meeting: Karen Hanna-Towne, president; Linda Morrow, vice president (will not stand for president in 2023); Lynette Terrell, secretary; Jill King, treasurer; Darielle James, assistant treasurer; Alfi Anderson, member at large; Linda Smith, member at large; Dale Thomas, member at large.

Conference Update

Steve Brizzi invited members to contribute as they are able to the 2022 conference. The goal is to collect \$25,000 from local sources to help defray conference costs. To date, \$11,828.10 has been collected in cash, in-kind donations, pledges, and sponsorships.

County Fair Update

Washington County Fair project chair Doris Cassidy gave an impassioned plea for help. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities jobs before, during, and after the fair.

Cane Hill Community Service Project

Community Outreach chair Chris Bell issued a call for volunteers for a one-day planting blitz on the campus of Historic Cane Hill. The project is part of prep work for *Habitat*, a Smithsonian outdoor exhibit that opens in Cane Hill in the spring of 2022.

June Photo Contest Winners

Birkhead congratulated the June photo contest winners and shared their entries. The theme was "Roses."

- First: Patricia McKeown, "Pink Beauty"
- Second: Linda Hall, "Fragrant Rose"
- Third: Trudy Carrigan: "Tea Party, Two Vases, and a Pig"

The August photo contest theme is "Sanctioned Projects." The deadline to enter is August 15.

Bylaws Changes

Birkhead reported that the bylaws committee and the board are working through some final tweaks to proposed bylaws changes. Once approved by the board, the proposed changes will be emailed to the membership for review and will be voted on at the September annual meeting.

Service Awards

Birkhead congratulated the following for reaching milestone years of participation in WCMG.

Five years. Steve Brizzi, Robin Buff, Bill Cornelius, Paula Dutton, Carol Gulley, Elizabeth Hale, Lynn Hart, Donald Hendrix, Kathy Malstrom, Pat McKeown, Terry Merchant, Mike Wavering, Elizabeth Yale

Ten years. Margaret Barron, Chandana Becker, Dawn Fisher, Chuck Rutherford, Steve Skattebo, Judy Smith, Joyce Starr, Sandra Vann

Lifetime. Mary Frances Branton, Linda Helm, Gayle Howard, John King, Jayne Laster, Annette Pianalto, Dolores Stamps, Jodie Standrod, Mike Standrod

Lifetime Plus 20. Shirley Durning, Jan Hayes, Diane Standefer

MGs in the News

Birkhead shared a recent *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* photo of Truman Stamps working at Headquarters House.

Adjournment of Business Meeting

There being no other business, Randy Butler moved to adjourn the business meeting at 6:59 p.m. WCMG Nena Evans, who is the program coordinator for the NWA Food Bank, presented a program on the work of the food bank to alleviate food insecurity in the region.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Young
Secretary