

WASHINGTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
Regular Meeting
Washington County Cooperative Extension Service Office
September 3, 2019 (Amended October 1, 2019)

PRESENT: 88 members

CALL TO ORDER: President Susan Young called the annual meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE BYLAWS: It was moved that the bylaws be approved as presented. There was a second. All approved.

ELECTION OF THE 2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: It was moved and seconded that the nominated slate of officers be approved by acclamation: Kathryn Birkhead, president; Steve Brizzi, vice-president; Ruthanne Hill, secretary; Chris Bell, treasurer; Wanda Gore, assistant treasurer; Linda Morrow, Diane Standefer, and Mel Zabecki, members at large. President Young asked three times for nominations from the floor with none presented. All approved.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved to adjourn the annual meeting at 6:42 PM.

CALL TO ORDER: President Young called the monthly business meeting was called to order at 6:43 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: It was moved and seconded to approve the August minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: It was moved and seconded to approve the July Treasurer's Report as presented. All approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

County Fair

Mary Crumley presented the county fair report with 1043.5 Master Gardener volunteer hours recorded this year. She said that entrants and attendance were down this year but that the fair was still successful. She reported that entries were down in horticulture but up in potted plants and that the sale table donations were the best ever, clearing \$842. Mary announced that she is stepping down as chair and that she has asked Doris Cassidy to take her place. Doris' nomination will be confirmed by the Fair Board, and Mary and Doris will meet next Thursday to go over all that is required. Some statistics from this year's Horticulture Building include 5,205 people in attendance, with 432 people who had 1,587 entries.

New Chairs Needed

New chairs are needed in several areas:

- A new chair is needed for the Air Museum sanctioned project;
- Geri Alvis has asked that someone serve as co-chair for compost; and
- The Community Outreach committee is looking for a new leader.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:**Hospitality help needed with Zoom training**

President Young asked for volunteers to help with the full-day Zoom training that will take place on five consecutive Wednesdays, beginning October 9.

Mentoring for Trainees

President Young also asked for volunteers to oversee the mentoring program for the new trainees.

Questions on Zoom training

There were several questions on how the Zoom training will work. Jan Judy asked what the training will be like, and Tanya Collins said that it will be like live training but delivered out of Little Rock. She said that it has been advertised by an announcement in newspaper and that she and Horticulturist Colin Massey have done an interview on KUAF to encourage applications.

Nancy Sloan asked whether there will be live training in January, and President Young answered that there will not. However, there will be an opportunity to take training on-line beginning in January. Colin explained that the on-line class is a self-paced option open from January till March and that for people who are working, it is a good option. He added that there will be some local speakers at Zoom training as well.

Neta Winston said that the on-line training will cost \$155, while the Zoom training is \$100 and that there had been some handouts at the Fair that lots of people were picking up. The deadline to apply is September 13.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Donna Briggs has transferred to Washington County from Crittenden County.
- Former Master Gardener Glenda Patterson is back with us.
- President Young shared the difficult news that Joyce Mendenhall is facing serious surgery on Sept. 17 and that Joyce welcomes our support.
- There will be a houseplant plant swap at Fayetteville Public Library on Sept. 11, and Master Gardener volunteers are needed to help people diagnose their houseplant problems.
- Shirley Durning said that Janice Ryan, a Master Gardener who had moved away from this area to be with her daughter, has passed away.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved to adjourn the business meeting at 7:05 PM.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

Joyce Mendenhall and Gail Pianalto presented highlights of their committee's work with Garden Explorers / Junior Master Gardeners.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Birkhead, Secretary

Amended October 1, 2019, to remove the phrase that Regina Gabel and Nancy Sloan were looking for replacements for themselves as chairs of the Project Committee. They are not.