

**Washington County Master Gardeners Business Meeting  
September 7, 2021**

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom. Present: 102 members. Quorum: Yes

**Call to Order.** President Kathryn Birkhead called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Approval of August Minutes.** Elizabeth Hale noted that her name should be stricken from the minutes under “Service Awards” as she is not a recipient of a five-year service award. Patsy Louk noted that the reference to in-person attendance under “Call to Order” should be stricken from the minutes as the meeting was virtual-only. Karen Hanna-Towne moved and Joyce Mendenhall seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

**Approval of July Treasurer’s Report.** Dolores Stamps moved and Randy Butler seconded to approve the treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

**Cane Hill Community Service Project.** Community outreach chair Chris Bell reminded all of the September 11 community service project on the campus of Historic Cane Hill. Beds of native perennials will be planted.

**Endowment Update.** At present we have \$23,883.52 in the endowment fund. Our goal is \$25,000. Birkhead urged all to remember the endowment fund in your charitable giving. Contact endowment committee chair Dolores Stamps for more information, [dartstamps@gmail.com](mailto:dartstamps@gmail.com).

**August Photo Contest Winners.** Birkhead congratulated the June “Children in the Garden” photo contest winners.

- First: Mary McCully, “Sweet Kiss”
- Second: Kitty Sanders, “Worm”
- Third: Diana Oliver, “Legacy Gardening”

The September photo contest theme is “Shade Gardens.” The deadline to enter is September 15.

**MGs in the News.** Birkhead shared recent *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* photos of Serenity Lewis, Sarah Bryan, and Tanya Collins.

**Other Announcements.** Annual conference co-chair Steve Brizzi and assistant treasurer Jill King noted the receipt of \$16,965 in pledges, cash, and in-kind donations toward our \$25,000 fundraising goal for the 2022 state conference.

Joyce Mendenhall thanked all who attended her retirement party. She was overwhelmed!

**Adjournment of Business Meeting.** There being no other business, Ruth Cohoon moved to adjourn the business meeting at 6:41 p.m. Birkhead then called the annual meeting to order, which was followed by a program on native plant propagation by Dr. Rose Gergerich of the NWA Master Naturalists.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Young  
Secretary