

## Master Gardener Monthly Meeting

August 7, 2018

Attendance: Members – 95

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm

### Monthly Meeting Reports

The July minutes were presented for approval as published on website. Mary McCully moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, motion was seconded by Steve Brizzi. The membership approved the minutes as presented.

The treasurer's report for June was presented for approval. Dolores Stamps moved for approval and Pat McKeown seconded. The membership approved the June treasurer's report. Nancy Sloan asked about the correction to the report. Karen Jech explained that the difference had consistently occurred for the first six months of the year, so WCMG report was changed to balance with the bank's reporting of the account.

### Business

#### **Nomination of 2019 Officers**

The nominating committee, Patsy Louk (chair), Joyce Mendenhall, Gail Pianalto, and Jan Lefler, presented a slate of candidates for consideration by the general membership.

Presented for consideration: Susan Young, President; Carol Butler, Vice-President; Kathryn Birkhead, Secretary.

A vote on the nominated officers will taken at the September general membership meeting.

#### **By-Laws Revisions**

The by-laws committee, Jan Lefler (chair), Marilyn Heifner, Mary McCully and James Selvey, presented revisions to the by-laws. The membership was asked to read the revisions in the August or September Garden Thyme and be prepared to vote on them at the September business meeting.

### Announcements

**Volunteer Hours** – Members are reminded to enter their volunteer hours on the log found on the uaex.edu website. A reminder was given that the explanation for entering hours is found in the WCMG workbook (page 2), and members were advised to contact Annette Pianalto with any questions.

**PNG Registration** – The registration is open for the PNG Leadership Training at Ferndale. Training will be on September 18-19. Registration form is located on the uaex.edu website under the MG Only tab.

**Finance Committee-** The finance committee, Karen Jech (chair), Patsy Louk, Chris Bell, and Wanda Gore, will convene to prepare the proposed 2019 WCMG budget. The proposed budget will be presented to the membership for approval later in the fall.

**Washington County Fair** – Mary Crumley and Beverly Didier are working hard to prepare the horticulture division. Volunteers are needed, and sign-up sheets are located in the lobby this evening.

Members are reminded that the proceeds from white elephant table at the Fair go to off-set the grand champion and reserve premiums.

Cornbread and desserts are needed for lunches on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 20 and 21, for volunteers and judges. Members are asked to sign-up to provide.

A 10-gallon aquarium is need for an aquaponics display. Mary Crumley asked for a donation, if any has one.

**Photo Contest-** Carol Butler announced the winners for the July photo contest. Geri Alvis won first, Georgia Ross second, and Janet Titus third. Members were thanked for their increased participation and reminded that the deadline for August is the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**WCMGAR.ORG Focus** – Carol Butler reviewed the process for entering hours. There was no internet available, so this was a talk-through. Further review will continue at a later time when internet is available.

### **Project Presentation**

Elkins Community Center was scheduled, but did not present due to illness of the presenter.

### **Presentation**

The August presenter was James Binns, certified arborist and former owner of Earth Works Landscape Management with “Musings from a Professional Arborist”.

### **Final Announcements**

Carol Butler recognized special guests for the evening: Harlie Mabry, granddaughter of Dian Holmes, and Cienna Maestri, newborn daughter of Erica and Matt Maestri.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.