

WCMG General Membership Meeting  
June 6, 2017

There were 87 members present.

Gail Pionalto called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

The May 2017 minutes were approved as printed on the website.

The April 2017 treasurer's report was approved as printed on the website.

There was no old business.

New Business:

The Master Composter graduation was facilitated by Geri Alvis and Steven Skattebo. Twenty people completed the class and received certificates: Anita Backus, Janet Brown, Carol Butler, Christina Conard, Richard Conard, Paula Dutton, Debbie Gilmore, Kathleen Holloway, Lynn Hart, Carole Jackson, Alan Jarrett, Patsy Louk, Linda Maclean, Jim Maclean, Terry Merchant, Cynthia Potter, Terry Smyers, Mariette Spidel, Joyce Starr, Neta Winston,

Announcements:

Berni Kurtz announced that ticks are abundant this year and can be harmful. The University of Ark is doing a tick survey on the prevalence of different species. Bernie encouraged MG to participate in the survey and distributed packets with vials for collecting ticks until early fall.

Joyce Mendenhall is taking orders for Allium bulbs. Cost is \$3 each and will be shipped in September.

Gail announced that Neta Winston and Debbie Gilmore, 2017 trainees, are honored for having the most volunteer hours at this time. Debbie has completed 183 hours and Neta has completed 167 hours. Each received a ticket to the Flower, Garden and Nature flower tour, donated by Apple Seeds.

Photo of the month: Culinary Chives, Geri Alvis, 1st; Bee Landing Strip – sage, Kitty Sanders 2<sup>nd</sup>, Herb Garden, Linda Maclean 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Next month's theme is perennials.

Project Presentation:

Mock Park co-chairs, Lorraine Heartfield and LaDeana Mullinix, presented a brief history and power point on Mock Park in Farmington. The flower garden is in front of the library and has an interesting history. The park was donated to the public in 1963, and renovated in 1987. They are looking forward to hosting the MG picnic in June.

Elaine Blowers was needing volunteers to sit at a garden during the Flower Garden & Nature Society Tour this Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. In return for their volunteering they would receive a free ticket to the garden tour. Elaine stated that she now had enough volunteers thanks to the Master Gardeners stepping up.

Judy Smith announced the picnic, June 27, 6:30 pm. The recent Garden Thyme has directions for parking and what to bring, including chairs, and a dish or two. Jim Sposato is cooking pork loin. Spouses and friends are invited.

Judy Smith announced the program as the plant exchange. Trainees were invited to be the first group to choose two plants each. Others were divided into groups by color and made their choices.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 PM.