

MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
Annual Business Meeting of September 4, 2018
Jan Lefler, Interim Secretary

Convened: 6:30 p.m.
PRESENT: 90 Members

Adjourned: 7:05 p.m.

The NWA Master Naturalists held a native plant sale from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. The WCMG Program Committee provided refreshments to members who attended the meeting.

President Judy Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A motion was made by Elizabeth Woods and seconded by Ruth Cohoon and a majority vote of "yes" was to approve the minutes from the August 2018 WCMG Meeting available on Website and by Mailchimp e-mail. A motion was made by Ruth Cohoon and seconded by Gayle Howard and a majority vote of "yes" to approve the July 31, 2018 Treasurer's Report available on Website and by Mailchimp e-mail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

As a review, President Judy Smith shared the purpose of our Washington County Master Gardener organization. *"To stimulate interest in plants and gardening, to encourage the beautification of our county, to support conservation of natural life and natural resources, and to encourage the training of additional Master Gardeners."*

Master Gardener Hours Entry - Timelines. President Judy Smith reminded WCMG members and trainees to please record their volunteer hours. "Instructions for On-line Reporting Hours" form is in the WCMG Volunteer Workbook, Section - Forms on page 30; and in Policies and Procedures, Section - Recording Volunteer Hours on page 2. Use the website address <http://www.uaex.edu/yard-garden/master-gardeners/>. Click on "**Enter volunteer hours here.**" After you click on that, you will be at the hours recording website where you will enter your username and password. You must have a username and password to access the site. For trainees, username is your last name and the first four letters of first name (Ex. Sally Jones would be jonessall). For members, username is your last name and the first two letters of first name (Ex. Sally Jones would be jonessa). If questions, please contact **Annette Pianalto at pianacjp@cox.net or 479-361-2007.** WCMG trainees' deadline for recording of their hours is November 1, 2018. WCMG members' deadline for recording hours is December 15, 2018. Jody Miskell asked about how to record any hours worked after the deadlines. They can be recorded in January 2019 using a different date. Those hours will be counted for 2019.

Moss Mountain Tickets. Tickets to attend the Master Gardener 30th Birthday Event at P. Allen Smith's Moss Mountain Farm in Roland, AR, on Saturday, October 13, from 9 am to 5 pm are still available. Tickets may be purchased by going to uaex.edu/yard-garden/master-gardeners/, Master Gardener Only Section. Deadline for registering is Thursday, September 13.

Message from Carol Butler. President Judy Smith shared a memorandum from Carol Butler that was sent to Nominations chairperson Patsy Louk. To summarize, Carol asked to withdraw her name from Vice President nomination consideration.

2019 WCMG Membership Dues. Collection of 2019 WCMG membership dues will start at the October and November 2018 WCMG meeting. *(From the 2018 WCMG Bylaws, Article IV, Section 3.C – "Annual dues for the new fiscal year shall be due and payable no later than December 1.")*

October 2018 WCMG Program. President Judy Smith announced the October 2, 2018 WCMG program will be presented by WCMG Judie Branson who was also attending this meeting. She is current president of the National Daylily Society and she will be presenting the program entitled "Siloam Daylilies, in Memory of Pauline Henry".

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2018 Bylaws Committee. President Judy Smith announced the Bylaws Committee members **Jan Lefler, Marilyn Heifner, Mary McCully, and James Selvey** provided recommendations to the Executive Committee in July. Proposed revisions were printed in the August and September 2018 *Garden Thyme* newsletter. Bylaws Committee chairperson Jan Lefler was available to take questions/comments from membership; there were none. A motion was made by Dolores Stamps and seconded by Jane Scroggs and a majority vote of "yes" was to approve the 2019 WCMG Bylaws.

2018 Nominations Committee. President Judy Smith announced the Nominations Committee members **Patsy Louk, Gail Pianalto, Joyce Mendenhall, and Jan Lefler** who have all served as previous officers on the Executive Committee. Due to the absence of Nominations Committee chairperson Patsy Louk, President Judy Smith announced the slate of proposed 2019 Executive Committee officers. Nominations are **President – Susan Young ('07), President-Elect – Tanya Collins ('12), Secretary – Kathryn Birkhead ('17), Treasurer – Karen Jech ('13), Ass't Treasurer – Chris Bell ('15), Members-at-Large – Kaleb Allee ('18), Gayle Howard ('06) and Jayne Laster ('06).** They stood as their name was called. The proposed 2019 WCMG Executive Committee nominations were printed in the August and September 2018 *Garden Thyme* newsletter. There were no additional nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Jane Scroggs and seconded by Kitty Sanders and a majority vote of "yes" was to approve the 2019 Executive Committee officer nominations.

SANCTIONED PROJECT REPORTS:

Community Outreach Project. Project chairpersons **GINNY WISEMAN and CHRIS BELL** reported on the recent completion of a community project that involved landscaping the south entrance on Center Street of Evergreen Cemetery in Fayetteville. This was a 200-hour project that began on January 29, 2018. The Cemetery Association requested help by WCMG in renovating the cemetery entrance. It involved coordinating tree removal, soil moving, garden design, plant purchase and finally planting at the site. WCMGs **Marilyn Heifner, Ginny Wiseman, Chris Bell, Regina Gabel, Judy Hyden, Doris Cassidy, Jane Laster, Ruth Cohoon, and Mary Beth Lohr** helped with the planting. Marilyn Heifner is also president of the Evergreen Cemetery Association and coordinated the project. She also provided a special tour of the cemetery for WCMG volunteers. Following the presentation, Jody Miskell requested that arrangements be made for a repeat of the cemetery tour for other interested WCMG members.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

The Program Committee, chaired by V.P. Susan Young, provided refreshments before and after the meeting. Door Prize drawings were also held by Program chairperson Susan Young who received help from other members in distributing the prizes.

Jan Lefler,
Interim Secretary

Minutes reviewed and approved by President Judy Smith on 9/6/18.