



WASHINGTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
Minutes
July 7, 2020

Present: 66 members and 0 guests

Quorum: Yes

Due to the ongoing health issues presented by the pandemic, the general membership meeting was again held virtually via Zoom. Colin Massey served as Host and began with reminders about staying muted unless you're making or seconding a motion or introducing someone and using the chat box for questions. He then turned the meeting over to Birkhead.

Call to Order. President Kathryn Birkhead called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Approval of the June minutes. Motion and second received to approve the June minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of May Treasurer's Report. Motion and second received to approve the May Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

Announcements

- **Importance of recording hours.** Colin mentioned that, even though the Executive Committee has waived the requirements for hours this year due to COVID-19, it is still important to record your volunteer and education hours. Master Gardener hours affect the county program in a variety of ways, including future funding.
- **A Need for News.** Judy Smith would like to receive updates from members for the *Garden Thyme* newsletter. This year has proven quite different from any other and sharing news and photos from members' activities and gardens is a nice way to keep in touch during this time of social distancing.
- **County Fair Update.** Doris Cassidy missed tonight's meeting due to representing us at the Fair Board meeting happening at the same time. Birkhead reported that Cassidy's preference is that Master Gardeners are not committed to any responsibilities at the 2020 county fair for health reasons. Cassidy will have additional information for us soon.

- Next Master Gardener class. Deadline for applications for the next Master Gardener class is extended to August 14 as decisions are still being made regarding social distancing, space required, etc. due to COVID. As with the previous class, trainees would meet at the Extension Office and instructors would join by Zoom from across the state.
- Lincoln Community Garden. Jim Sposato thanked everyone who came out to help spread mulch and help at the Lincoln Community Garden and reported on produce harvested to-date.
- Update on Jan Judy. Dolores Stamps reported that Judy is currently living with family, recovering well under tough circumstances, and that she would really appreciate cards from her fellow gardeners. Judy's current address is 102 S. Pleasant St, Springdale 72764.

Adjourn business meeting

There being no further business to come before the group and with a motion to adjourn, the business meeting ended at 6:43pm.

Tonight's Program: "Asexual Propagation: Making Plants from the Plants you Already Have", presented by Megan Lankford of the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruthanne Hill
Secretary