

Washington County Master Gardeners Business Meeting
Tuesday, November 1, 2022

The meeting was held in-person at the Extension Office and virtually via Zoom. Present: 95 members (63 in person, 32 on Zoom) Quorum: Yes

Speaker

Tonight's presentation came first. Vice-President Linda Morrow introduced the speaker, Eric Fuselier. Eric's presentation was via Zoom. He discussed native edible and medicinal plants in the Ozarks, focusing on those ideal for a garden setting.

Project Reports

Brandy Molloy spoke about West Fork Gardens. She is one of the co-chairs of this project, along with Jan Hayes and Paula Dutton. The West Fork Gardens project began in 2007 with 5-7 volunteers. The beginning garden, along one side of the library, has grown and was re-established after the library expansion. The gardens now include a monarch way station and as of 2016 the Four Way Stop Garden in the center of town. The volunteers, now averaging 10 per gathering, also host various activities and outreach including garden tours, classes, and working with Scouts.

Call to Order: President Karen Hanna-Towne called the meeting to order at 7:50 P.M.

Approval of October 2022 Meeting Minutes:

Kathryn Birkhead moved to approve the minutes, and Darielle James seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of September 2022 Treasurer's Report: Nancy Ballard moved to approve the treasurer's report, and Terry Merchant seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

The Executive Committee reviewed the nominations and selected seven members for the Ad Hoc Survey Committee. The members are: Linda Bennett-Smith, Tanya Collins, Regina Gabel, Lorraine Heartfield, Nicholas Sammer, Nancy Sloan, and Sherry Wallis. Nicholas will chair the committee. They have a soft target of January to get the survey together.

President Hanna-Towne reminded members that dues are due: \$20.00 until December 1; \$25.00 after that. Dues may be paid by check or cash brought to the Extension Office, a check mailed to the Extension Office, or paid by Zelle.

New Business

The Finance Committee, Jill King, Darielle James, Joanne Olszewski, and Glenda Patterson, presented the 2023 budget to the Executive Committee at the October meeting. The Executive Committee approved it. A vote is also required by members attending the general meeting. Joanne spoke briefly about the sustainability project and the purchase of stainless steel water

bottles. Dolores Stamps made the motion to accept the budget as presented. Amy Payne seconded, and the motion carried.

November 1, 2022, was the final day to order T-shirts in order to have them by the December gathering. Two types of shirts were available: V-neck T-shirts for \$23.00 and polo shirts for \$33.00.

Patsy Louk announced she had sold out of the wall calendars, but she would have more in soon. Wall calendars are \$1.25.

Applicants for spring 2023 training have applied. They will soon be interviewed, and hopefully a class of 19 will begin classes in late February.

Announcements

The Executive Committee approved revised policies for 2023 covering: annual financial peer review, endowment fund, recognition of deceased WCMG members, and required list, formatting protocols, and deadlines for sending documents to historian each year.

In Memoriam to Barbara Ann Garvey Jackson who died September 20, 2022. Barbara became a WCMG in 1993.

Due to family commitments, Jenean Hill, member-at-large for 2022, has requested a leave of absence. Linda Cook Smith, newly elected member-at-large for 2023, has agreed to take Jenean's place for the remainder of 2022.

Holiday Members' Meeting will be December 6th at the Tyson Center. This will be a potluck, graduation for our new trainees, and opportunities to win door prizes.

The International Master Gardener Conference will be held June 17 – 22, 2023, at the Sheraton Inn Convention Center in Overland Park, Kansas. Registration begins November 8, 2022.

Master Gardeners Out and About

Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks held their 15th Anniversary Gala on October 6, 2022. They recognized volunteers with 15 or more years of service, WCMG members recognized were Judy Smith, Martha McBride, Kathy Launder, Martha Ward, Gayle Howard, Joyce Mendenhall, and Chris Bell. Several other WCMG members enjoyed this event.

Several WCMG members, Geri Alvis, Karen Hanna-Towne, Patsy Louk, Joyce Mendenhall, Marilyn Misenhimer, Karen Smenner, Gail Pianalto, and Mariette Spidel, enjoyed Master Gardener Appreciation Day at the Ozark Folk Center on October 13, 2022.

WCMG members, Geri Alvis, Patsy Louk, Joyce Mendenhall, Gail Pianalto, Kitty Sanders, Judy Smith, and Mariette Spidel, attended Advanced Training of Bird Habitats at Ozark Natural

Science Center in Huntsville, Arkansas, on October 28, 2022. Special thanks to Marty Powers, Jim and Linda Maclean for hosting sessions at this event.

Adjournment

There being no other business, Liz Hale moved to adjourn the business meeting, and Pam Johnson seconded. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Lynette Terrell, Secretary