

**Greene County Master Gardener
Business Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2018
OSU Extension Office, 100 Fairground Road, Xenia, OH**

President Garry Abfalter called the meeting to order at 1840.

The March Business Meeting Minutes were approved with one spelling correction of Nimfa Simpson's name.

Treasurer's Report for April 2018:

Checking account balance as of April 1, 2018:	\$18,291
Projected Revenue:	\$7,636
Less Obligated:	(\$11,414)
Projected Balance 12/31/2018:	\$14,513
Savings:	\$2,074
CDs:	\$5,000

The Treasurer's report has been filed.

Presentations:

a. Phenology Report given by Dan Denham. Current growing degree-days 82 (219). Upcoming events include adult emergence of the white pine weevil. Refer to Joe Boggs at OSU extension. Spring Plant schedule: Average last frost date is 4/29; frost free date is 5/13 with a 10% chance of frost. As of April 10, may still start cool weather seeds and warm weather vegetables and flowers. May plant hardy vegetables outdoors.

b. Linda Cheadle (not present) still needs volunteers to help teach life cycle of insects, aid in garden planting and maintenance, and help staff during taste of the garden event at Children's Garden at Beavercreek Christian Learning Center. Presently, there are only two volunteers to teach 130 children. They meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

c. George McGowan presented information on the Spring Valley Bike Trail and Beautification. The trail is 0.5 mile long off of 725 near Walton Park. Six Master Gardeners as well as the local 4-H group have made and erected birdhouses and plant identification signs and, the MGs have planted 31 trees (Hornbeam, Redbud, Paw Paw, Serviceberry, allium, black-eyed Susan, Coneflowers, and Butterfly weed. The team has also placed five benches and a water fountain along the trail. They won the Outstanding Master Gardener Project Award in 2013.

Old Business:

a. Chris McComb reported that the spring plant sale is May 12 with set up day on May 11. So far all is going as planned.

- b. Nominations for State Awards are due by May 1.
- c. Bad weather policy/procedure: Text messages will be sent to all members with regard to meeting cancellations.
- d. Committee sign up sheets available
- e. Continuing Education full day programs listed in the power point presentation
- f. Owen's Place birdhouse project is complete and the birdhouses have been placed in the shade garden area.

New Business:

- a. Tentative summer meeting locations: Owen's Place gazebo for June 12, Wartinger Park for July 10, and TBD for August 14.
- b. Flower Potluck: Every month from April through October, all MG members are encouraged to bring one spring bloom from their gardens in order to make a composite bouquet.
- c. Janette Braun is our Field Trip and Programming Chairperson. The committee has organized a tour of Patterson House Garden during the first week of June. The cost is \$5, and this event is only for Master Gardeners. The next program is a Seminar on June 30 entitled "Weeds of a Different View". The cost is \$30 for non Master Gardeners and \$25 for MG. On line registration will be available.

Coordinators Report:

- a. Updated child abuse prevention cards were distributed to all members
- b. Committee sign up sheets will be posted on the VMS
- c. Farm Science Review is April 19 and is \$7
- d. Need people to organize the booth at the Native Plant Conference at Bergamo, July 27 -28
- e. James Ranch revitalization of MG demonstration gardens in conjunction with Greene county Parks and Trails, and OSU
- f. T-shirts are still available for \$22
- g. Community garden at Lexington Park in Xenia is in the early planning stage.
- h. Macy Reynolds, Jerry Haun, Christine McComb, Trevor Corboy, and Kim Hupman have begun writing lessons for Fairborn Digital Academy gardening project.

Open Discussion:

Jill Gordon: Knollwood \$25 gift cards available to benefit the children's program at Beavercreek Church of the Brethren. The "No Child Left Indoors" event will be held on May 12, and the program is in need of natural items for Fairy House construction.

Thank you to Helen Haun for providing our refreshment table.

Adjourn and Continuing Education:

The meeting was adjourned at 1945.

Continuing Education:

Kim Hupman presented Safety in the Garden, Part 4: Helpful Hints

Kim presented information on staying injury free while working in the garden.

Make sure pruners are sharp, and make sure you use the correct tool for pruning shrubs or large branches. It is best to use loppers when the branch is greater than one inch in diameter. Protect your skin against the hidden dangers of rose bushes, barberry, fire thorn, hawthorn, and locust trees. Check your first aid kit for supplies. Your kit should include small towels, hat and sunscreen, gauze, and an extra pair of gloves. Wear good shoes, take many breaks, and bring your water bottle with you as well as your cell phone.

This program was approximately 15 minutes long; enter 0.25 hours into the VMS

Respectfully submitted,
Christine McComb