

Greene County master gardener
Business meeting minutes
February 15, 2020
OSU Extension office- Xenia, OH

Preceding the business meeting, Dan Denham presented *Indoor Seed Starting* for 1.5 hour of continuing ed credits. Those present planted geranium seeds and the resulting plants will be sold at the plant sale on May 2nd.

Dan Denham called the business meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

Approval of minutes

Dan called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25th business meeting. With no motion forthcoming, Dan stated that we would postpone the motion to approve until next month's meeting. Evidently, the members at large were not notified that the minutes were available on the VMS previous to the meeting. This will be corrected as soon as possible.

Treasurers report-Connie O'Brien has resigned as treasurer. The board has scheduled an emergency meeting this coming Monday, February 17th, to address this issue. Continue to send any financial info to Connie until further notice. Dan also reminded us that 2019 financial data is on VMS.

February 2020 Treasurer's report

Checking account balance Feb.1	\$12,656
Projected revenue	\$7,180
Less Obligated	(\$14,106)
Projected checking balance 12/31/20	\$5,730
Savings	\$2,070
CD's	\$5,179
Total cash	\$12,983

Old business

The 2020 plant sale will be May 2nd from 9am till 12 noon in the Buckeye room. Chris reminds the master gardeners to start seeds at home and/or divide perennials to donate for the sale. See Chris McComb if you have any questions. Set up will be the day before on May 1st at 9 am.

Living color fundraiser brochure will be emailed to you by Chris McComb upon request.

2021 MGV state conference meeting will be held on Thursday Feb 27 at 9 am. See Kim with questions regarding committees.

New Business

Phenology-GDD

Feb 15th 2020 is 18

Feb 15th 2019 was 17

First bloom for silver maple is 34

First bloom for red maple is 44

First bloom for forsythia is 58

Mother's Day is generally the last frost free day per Dan.

April 22nd was the 2019 last frost free day

Daylight savings begins on March 8 th at 2 am.

Spotted lanternfly is not yet in Ohio but it is suspected to be in Ohio. It is not a threat to common vegetables as of now.

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/pests-diseases/hungry-pests/the-threat/spotted-lanternfly/spotted-lanternfly> The Spotted lanternfly 1st, 2nd and 3rd instars are black with white spots and the 4th instar is reddish colored with black legs and white spots. It is in the Fulgoridae family. They suck juices from trees. They are believed to have come from China and were first found in Pennsylvania in 2014. Please report any sightings.

Coordinators report

Kim welcomed Jim and Pat Hammond as the new managers of the Parkwood school garden. A big thank you to Connie as the outgoing manager.

Upcoming meetings--

Extension landscape - Feb. 19th - 9:30 am

Local food council - Feb. 20th - 4:30 pm

State conference - Feb. 27th - 9:00 am

Program team - March 11th - 9:00 am

James Ranch - March 11th - 12:00 noon

We will be participating in a home veg trial. Registration by February 17th. In the spring, we will be growing broccoli, kale, lettuce, peas and spinach. The summer trial will include green beans, cucumbers, pumpkins, tomatoes (cherry, standard) and watermelons. See Kim with questions. More info will come out on the VMS. Trial costs \$3. per row. Participants will report data on results and take pictures. Our opinion is wanted on what grows well in Ohio and what we prefer.

Continuing ed programs upcoming

Conifer program - Friday Feb. 21st - cancelled

Wildlife program I - Saturday March 14th - 1:00-3:30 pm Will include skunks, moles and groundhogs. There is a flyer already out.

Edible landscape - Thursday March 19th - 6:00-7:30 pm

Flyer will be out Monday.

March - Woody ornamentals introduction

April - Pesticide safety for master gardeners - required yearly training

May - Tick identification

June - Woody ornamentals identification

July - RiverBend Daylily garden

Kim explained the OSU extension policy regarding inactive status. If you have any questions regarding this, please see Kim.

Open discussion

Marirose Sindoni mentioned that there will be a demo at the April 14th meeting on how to use the leftover ceramic pots to get them ready to sell at the plant sale. Or master gardeners could take a pot, plant them themselves and return them to sell at the plant sale.

Door prizes

Door prize winners were awarded.

Reminder- there will be continuing ed immediately preceding the March meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Denise Wetzel and seconded by Debby Haines.
Adjourned at 1:46

Respectfully submitted

Carol Lea Brown
Secretary-Greene Co. Master Gardeners