

Greene County Master Gardeners Minutes

February 16, 2019

1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10.

The October minutes were approved following a motion by Robin Houck, seconded by Jane Scott.

Connie O'Brien gave the treasurer's report which included a February 1 balance of \$14,571, projected revenue of \$11,220, with expenditures expected of \$16,392. The projected checking account balance at the end of the year is \$9,399. Savings accounts amount to \$7070 and CD's total \$5050. Total cash is \$21,519.

Garry Abfalter, President, reviewed the officers for 2019: Dan Denham, V-P, Connie O'Brien, Treasurer, Pam Carter and Jane Worth, members at large of the Board.

The banquet was a success. The silent auction netted \$900. Thank you, Banquet committee: Sharon Manley, Rebecca Morgann, and DiAnn Vyszenski-Moher.

Kim Hupman, Coordinator, continued the Intern Certification Ceremony and we welcomed Laura Staugler, Marcia Graeff, and Terese DeSimio. Peggy Nestor and Lola Stotard will be recognized later. Awards of recognition were presented to Jane Worth, Norma Landis, and Rebecca Richardson for their service of 5 years each. Carol Brown was recognized as having reached 750 hours of volunteer service. Jane Worth received an award for her accomplishments in initiating educational programs.

Dan Denham, V-P, gave a phenology report for our area and stated that we have counted 19 growing degree days so far in Xenia this year. April 28 will be the last freeze date this year and Mothers' Day, May 12, the last frost date. The ground should be workable from March 17.

Dan and Kim discussed upcoming advanced education opportunities including a Hydrangea School at the Extension in April and a diagnostic program on June 13. A list of classes was made available and can be found on VMS.

In the Coordinator's report Kim announced that the intern class is under way and she needs 3 more mentors for the class members. On March 21 between 4:30-5:30 there will be a meeting of mentors and their interns.

The recertification of Master Gardeners has been completed. Kim distributed cards that specify abuse reporting guidelines to be used in case of noted abuse among program participants.

Committees are being reorganized. Please sign up for the committee of your choice: They include Awards, Banquet, Budget, By Laws, Development (formerly fund raising and grant writing), IT, Intern classes, Program, Snack.

There will be an advanced education seminar on Friday, March 22 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) The topic will be Extending the Growing Season. James Hoffer, member of the local Food Council spoke about the seminar.

During the open discussion Jerry and Helen Haun offered to carpool to the Annual Perennial School in Springfield on March 7.

He also mentioned that the scholarship we give is now advertised as up to \$1000 and is renewable for a second year. March 15 is the deadline for applications.

A door prize was awarded to Paul Sampson. Denise Wetzel moved to adjourn and the meeting closed at 1:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Nash