

**Greene County Master Gardener
Business Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2019
Extension Office, Xenia, OH**

President Garry Abflater called the meeting to order at 1835.

Continuing Education Presentation:

Kim Hupman presented "Choosing Healthy Plants"

Look for healthy roots, healthy foliage, and color. Roots should be white, not girdling the pot, and not fall apart. Know the normal growth of the cultivar you wish to purchase. What should the plant look like? Should you buy balled, burlap, or container trees: Look for the trunk "flare", foliage color, and size of the root ball in relation to the size of the plant. Consider form and function of plants, and consistency of grouping. Putting it all together: Did you get a healthy plant that is worth the price and your time?

CE credit = 0.5 hour

Approval of February minutes: The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report for March 2019:

Checking account balance as of March 1, 2019:	\$13,766
Projected Revenue:	\$8,310
Less Obligated:	(\$15,492)
Projected Balance 12/31/2019:	\$6,584
Savings:	\$2,070
CDs:	\$5,050
Total	\$13,704

The Treasurer's report has been filed.

We received three donations from area Garden Clubs for presentations given by Jerry Haun and Macy Reynolds. We also received our Kroger Community Rewards.

Old Business:

- a. Committee sign up sheets are on the VMS. Kim will compile a list based on the VMS information.
- b. Living Color fundraiser: Orders are received until March 25. The requested delivery date is May 2.
- c. Spring Plant sale will be held in the Buckeye Room on May 4 from 9 am to noon. Set up day is May 3 starting at 9 am.

New Business:

- a. Phenology report by Dan: Soil is workable by March 17 to April 14 Southwest Ohio should be frost-free by May 12. Summer bulbs required soil temperature greater than 55*

- b. We still need business meeting venues for June, and August. Spring Valley will host the July Meeting.
- c. Project Presentations: We need MGs to step forward and give presentations regarding your garden projects. This will help the new interns with their volunteer hours.
- d. Blooms and Bugs for business meetings: Bring one of your spring blooms to the business meetings to form a nice bouquet, which will be given as a door prize. Bring in an interesting insect for study. The goal is to create an insect collection for reference.
- e. MG community presence: We need to be recognized as Master Gardeners while working or presenting, so wear your red T-shirts. Use signs to advertize what you are doing with your project.
- f. Board member candidates: We will vote for President, Secretary, and two Board Members at Large in October, so start thinking about your nominations.

Coordinator's Report:

- a. We still need three more intern mentors.
- b. Recertification Process: Volunteer and CE hours must be recorded in the VMS by December 15. Once this is accomplished, you may sign your recertification documents (includes the AARC abuse form) on the VMS. Dues will be accepted after the aforementioned requirements are met. January 1 is the start of a new year with regard to service and education hours; however, dues will be accepted until January 31.
MGs with laptops will be available before the business meetings to help you with recording your hours on the VMS.
- c. Greene County has the opportunity to host the 2020 State Master Gardener Conference. This is no small undertaking; all MGs should be willing to assist with the preparation.

Open Discussion:

Master Gardener scholarship: Both first time applicants do not meet the requirements as both are pursuing medical degrees. There are two college students, who are reapplying that do meet the requirements. Reported by Jerry Haun,

Respectfully,
Christine McComb