

**Greene County Master Gardener
Business Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2018
OSU Extension Office, 100 Fairground Road, Xenia, OH**

President Garry Abfalter called the meeting to order at 1835.

The February Business Meeting Minutes were approved. The January Business Meeting Minutes were posted on the VMS and were approved.

Treasurer's Report for March 2018:

Checking account balance as of March 19, 2018:	\$18,324
Projected Revenue:	\$8,760
Less Obligated:	(\$12,570)
Projected Balance 12/18/2018:	\$14,514
Savings:	\$2,069
CDs:	\$5,000

The Treasurer's report has been filed.

Certificates of Deposit: One six-month account and one 12-month account each \$2500 opened at Wright-Pat Credit Union.

Presentations:

- a. Phenology Report given by Dan Denham. Last Frost date is May 13. Mid-March is the time to start cool weather seeds indoors. March 13 is a good time to start peppers, eggplant, impatiens, marigolds, tomatoes, and calibrachoa indoors.
- b. Nimfa Simpson presented the Phenology Garden Project report. The GCMG Phenology and Pollinator Garden is located at 150 Miami Ave., Xenia, OH 45385. Phenology is defined as the study of changes in environment and how these changes affect seasonal blooms times. Changes in the environment depend on three factors: temperature, sunlight, and moisture. Volunteers observe, track, and record changes in temperature, first and last bloom times, and number of pollinators. The volunteers contribute information used in building a phenology calendar, which is used as a guide for other Ohio gardeners and farmers. Volunteers are needed to help observe and record. Training sessions could be scheduled in the garden for those interested.

Old Business:

- a. T-shirts are available. Cost is \$22. Please see Trevor Corboy

- b. Committee chairs and volunteer list is being updated. Sign up sheets were passed around during the February meeting. Please sign up for a committee.
- c. Jerry Haun: Applications for GCMG scholarships due March 16. Very few applications have been received. Jerry has visited a number of area schools to instigate interest.
- d. Kim Hupman: State Awards Nominations are due May 1. Awards Committee will meet on April 5. An informational handout was given to all members present explaining the nomination process. The function of the Awards Committee is to narrow the field to one nomination per category.

New Business:

- a. Continuing Education Seminar: Need topics that we can sponsor for this year and next year.
- b. Update on the yearly April lecture series at the Greene County Juvenile Correction Facility: The Center has cancelled these lectures and will only need basic botany and vegetable gardening presentation (one hour per week and given by Macy Reynolds).
- c. Bad Weather Policy options: 1. Post meeting cancellations on the VMS. 2. Purchase the One Call auto voice system. 3. Create guidelines to follow 4. Text to all members.

Coordinators Report:

- a. Kim attended the first State Advisory Meeting, and she will sit on the Awards Committee. The Advisory Board consists of Master Gardeners, Volunteer Coordinators, Paid Staff Coordinators, and Educators. One of their first goals is to create new parameters in six impact areas in lieu of awards.
- b. New Master Gardener manuals are available for \$55.
- c. VMS and Garden Project descriptions are still being updated with a possible June completion date.
- d. The Native Plant Conference is July 27 through July 29 at Bergamo Center in Beavercreek. We are looking for volunteers to attend the MG booth and supply table and shade tent.

Open Discussion:

Thank you to Helen Haun for providing our refreshment table.

Adjourn and Continuing Education:

The meeting was adjourned at 1930.

Continuing Education:

Kim Hupman presented Safety in the Garden, Part 3: Pesticide Safety

Kim presented information on correct use of pesticides.

1. Correctly identify the pest before you use a chemical.

2. Know how many pests are past your tolerance and threshold before using a chemical.
3. Be familiar with the life cycle of the pest insect or what types of disease pathogens affect your plants.
4. Read the pesticide label and understand what pest it targets
5. Understand the “signal” words on the label: Caution is least dangerous, Warning is moderately toxic, and Danger is highly toxic. This is important because different levels of toxicity need to be handled differently.
6. Use you personal protective equipment (PPE): gloves, goggles, and ventilators, rubber boots. Wash clothing separately from other laundry.
7. Do not mix different chemicals
8. Clean sprayers and nozzles every year to avoid clogs
9. Label pesticides with date of purchase (shelf life is usually two years), store in the original container in a specific location away from children, pets, and food

This program was approximately 45 minutes long; enter 0.75 hours into the VMS

Respectfully submitted,
Christine McComb