

**Greene County Master Gardener  
Business Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2019  
Buckeye Room Extension Office, Xenia Ohio**

Vice President, Dan Denham called the meeting to order at 1835

**Continuing Education Presentation:**

Kim Hupman presented: "Differences between Blue Spruce and Norway Spruce"

The blue spruce has bluish to silver gray needles and can grow 30 to 60 feet in height with a 15 to 30 foot spread. The branches are dense, and the tree has a broad pyramidal shape. The Norway spruce is slightly larger, growing to 40 to 60 feet tall with a spread of 25 to 30 feet. The tree is also shaped in a pyramidal form but the branches hang downward.

Both trees have been over used in the land scape, are susceptible to diseases such as needle drop, White Pine weevil, and canker. Since treatments can be costly, it may be best to choose an alternate tree. Some trees to consider: Concolor fir, Korean fir, Alaska cypress, Serbian spruce, and dawn redwood.

CE is 0.5 hour

**Approval of April minutes:** The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report for April 2019:**

Checking account balance as of May 1, 2019:	\$12,447
Projected Revenue:	\$4,826
Less Obligated:	(\$11,182)
Projected checking balance 12/31/19:	\$6,091
Savings:	\$2,070
CDs:	\$5,111
Total Cash as of 12/31/19:	\$13,273

Lowe's and Home Depot will honor our tax exemption form, which can be found on the VMS website. Kroger and Amazon Smile will contribute funds as long as GCMG is listed as your fundraiser choice.

## **Old Business:**

- a. The spring plant sale was a success. \$1,746.25 was deposited on May 6.
- b. The Fairy and Gnome home building day was a success. This is part of the “No Child Left Inside” initiative. Two hundred children took part and built 130 fairy homes using all natural items. More volunteers may be needed next year.
- c. Don’t forget to bring your bugs and blooms for the next business meeting.

## **New Business:**

- a. Continuing Education update: “Plants for your Landscape” on October 11 in Springfield.
- b. Phenology Report: Frost Free date is May 12; Emerald Ash Borer will emerge; Boxwood Leaf miner emerges on May 9. Current soil temperature is 50°F; 65°F in raised beds.
- c. “What’s been eating my Coneflowers?” by Jane Worth: Coneflowers are the host plant for the Silvery Checkerspot Butterfly caterpillar. Females lay their eggs in batches of 100 on the underside of leaves. The caterpillars eat holes in the leaves, eat the edges of the leaves, and leave much frass. The partially grown caterpillars can overwinter at the base of the plant.
- d. Ninebark Shrub Trials: Contact Jim Chatfield (through the Extension Office) if you are able to help with growing space and observations of powdery mildew.
- e. The Board of Trustees has requested Jerry Haun do an audit of the By-Laws.
- f. Officer Candidates are needed for: President, Secretary, and two Board Members at Large. We will vote in October.

## **Coordinator Report:**

- a. Those with lap top computers will be on hand thirty minutes before every business meeting to help an MG enter volunteer and CE hours into the VMS. Hours should be entered by September 30 to begin the recertification process. Kim will help anyone, who is unable to meet his/her volunteer or educational hours by this date.
- b. The State Conference 2021 Committee is on track
- c. Community Outreach: Lexington Park in Xenia will have future workdays.
- d. If anyone would like to be on the Greene County Fair team, please email Kim.

## **Open Discussion:**

- a. June 11 Business meeting will be held at Owen’s Place, Victory Park inside Rotary Park in Beavercreek. Members are to bring a covered dish, drink, plastic ware, and chair.
- b. July 7 Business meeting will be held at Spring Valley Bike Path in Spring Valley.
- c. August 8 Business meeting will be held at the home of Marcia Hilty.

Submitted by Christine McComb

