

**Greene County Master Gardener
Business Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2018
Extension Office, Xenia, OH**

President Garry Abflater called the meeting to order at 1835.

Continuing Education Presentation:

Erin Fawley presented: Snap-Ed Food Insecurity. The acronym, SNAP, refers to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and The Snap-Ed program is funded by the USDA. The USDA has reformulated the traditional food pyramid with the “choose my plate” pictorial. The new food choice graphic is divided into four quadrants (protein, grains, vegetables, and fruits; dairy is represented as a circle) making it easier for students to make wise dietary choices. Go to choosemyplate.gov for more information.

In fiscal year 2017, the Greene County SNAP-Ed program reached 25,188 participants through direct education (381,463 total participants in Ohio). Greene County has one of the largest programs in Ohio, with most participants living in Xenia and Fairborn. The average SNAP assistance benefit is \$126 per month. One in 12 households in Greene County received assistance in 2015.

Food Insecurity refers to: limited or uncertain availability of nutritious food. This could mean lack of monetary resources to buy nutritious food or lack of accessible grocery stores within a reasonable geographic area. In order to stretch their food dollars, many low-income families must buy bulk foods rather than nutritious foods. Consumption of unhealthy foods – over time - results in higher risk of developing diabetes, high serum cholesterol, and high blood pressure.

What can we as Master Gardeners do to help this program?

This presentation was 30 minutes and counts as **0.5 CE credit**.

The August and September business meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report for October 2018:

Checking account balance as of July 1, 2018:	\$12,107
Projected Revenue:	\$3,333
Less Obligated:	(\$3,312)
Projected Balance 12/31/2018:	\$12,227
Savings:	\$2,074
CDs:	\$5,050
Total	\$19,352

The Treasurer's report has been filed.

Old Business:

Continuing Education updates: watch for Kim's emails for CE opportunities. Continuing Education hours must be entered into the VMS by 12/31/2018; you may not "carry over" credits into 2019.

New Business:

a. Copies of the 2019 Budget were distributed for Member approval.

Questions and comments: 1. **One of the members** suggested that we offer scholarships to people, who want to take the Master Gardener course. The Board of Trustees will address this at the next meeting. 2. James Ranch budget is not included, because the GCMG gave a \$3000 matching fund (with GCP&T); Trevor is managing this fund. No further funding was requested for 2019. 3. The Outreach Program is an educational program whereby participants research, write, and present gardening and conservation education.

The budget was approved: Skip Mahan motioned and Erin O'Brien seconded that motion.

Thank you to our Budget Committee: **Marirose** Sindoni, Carol Scriven, Jan Fix, Carolyn Abel, Rose Ann McCuddy, Connie O'Brien, and Kim Hupman.

b. Election of Board Members by secret ballot:

Dan Denham remains Vice President, Connie O'Brien remains Treasurer; our new Board Members at Large are Pam Carter and Jane Worth.

Thank you to all, who ran for office, and Thank you to Kathy Gall and Debby Haines for your two years of service as Board Members.

The issue of changing the time and day of January and February Business Meetings was inconclusive.

Coordinator's Report:

a. The Extension Office is hosting: GMOs, Hybrids & Heirlooms Workshop on November 9, 5 p.m. Cost is \$20, which includes educational materials and a catered dinner.

b. Continue to advertise for the 2019 MG class.

c. Greene County will host a Diagnostic Workshop in 2019.

d. Banquet invitations have been sent via email.

Open Discussion:

Diane Vyszenski-Moher updated everyone on the Banquet. Please RSVP by October 31.

If anyone would like to donate items for the basket raffle, please contact Rebecca Morgann.

The door prizes are from T.J.'s Garden in Bellbrook, owned by Lynn Thompson.

Thank you to Helen Haun for arranging our refreshment table and to all, who supplied refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine McComb

