

**Fayette County Master Gardener Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Nov 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.**

Members present: Nancy Davis, Kay Fisher, Natalie Gray, Mary Hicks, Debbie Johnson, Susan Miller, Brenda Owen, Christine Parsons, Jane Peters, and Carrie Spry.

1. Call to order and welcome

President Debbie Johnson welcomed the board members and called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of the Executive Committee Minutes

The Minutes of the Aug. 8, 2018 meeting were approved and will be made available online.

3. Officer Reports

A. Treasurer

Treasurer Kay Fisher provided copies of the FCMGA Financial Status dated 11/13/2018 and the proposed budget for 2020. The proposed budget was approved and will be presented to the membership for vote at the Annual Meeting in January.

4. Standing Committee Reports

A. Continuing Education (CE)

In her absence, Chair Clare Farnau provided a written report. As of October 29th, 2018, there have been 85.5 CEU opportunities and 1,290 CEUs were earned. The Annual EMG Picnic at Anne Lowe's in September was cancelled due to inclement weather and was not rescheduled. The CE committee met on Nov 5th to begin planning CEU activities for 2019.

B. Newsletter

Chair Susan Miller reminded the Board that the deadline of submissions for the December 3, 2018 Winter issue of the *Newsletter* is November 15th. She encouraged members to send her more items for the issue, even if they are a few days beyond the deadline.

C. Nominating Committee

Chair Christine Parsons presented the Nominating Committee's proposed slate of officers for the 2019 FCMGA Executive Board:

President	Nancy Davis
Past President	Debbie Johnson
Vice President	Susan Umberger
Secretary	Mary Miller
Treasurer	Kay Fisher
Continuing Education Chair	Brenda Owen
Newsletter Chair	Susan Miller
Volunteer Projects Chair	Mary Hicks
Nominating Committee	Natalie Gray, Tina Godby, Nancy Kolacz

D. Volunteer Projects

Chair Mary Hicks distributed copies of the *FCMGA Volunteer Project Committee Report* detailing the committee activities since the last meeting. She also appended a report provided by the 2018 MG class mentor co-chairs.

5. Unfinished Business

A. Revised *FCMGA Handbook and Bylaws*

President Debbie Johnson reported Suzann Smith has emailed digital copies of the 2018 revision of the *FCMGA Handbook and Bylaws* to all active and dues-paying EMGs.

B. Results of the Survey about notifying the membership of EMGS deaths

President Debbie Johnson reported that an e-mail survey was made to assess the desirability of notifying EMGs of the death of an EMG, EMG spouse, or child. Of the EMGS who responded to the survey, 66 members requested notification, one was undecided, and one declined. In each instance, families will be contacted to determine if they want a notice to go out. If they do, an email will go out to members who requested notification. New EMGs will be asked if they want to participate after their apprenticeship year is completed.

6. New Business

A. 2018 Memorial Donation

President Debbie Johnson reported that a \$75 FCMGA donation will be made to The Hope Center for Women in memory of EMGs we lost in 2018.

B. Selection of three new 2019 memorial recipients

The board selected three non-profit organizations for membership vote at the January 2019 Annual Meeting. Selected were: Catholic Action Center, GleanKY, and Seedleaf.

C. Michael Reymann's Query about Boxwood Blight

EMG Michael Reymann asked the FCMGA board to discuss contacting a state or federal agency in regards to imposing a restriction on the import of boxwoods into Kentucky to prevent the spread of boxwood blight. A campaign of this type is not within the FCMGA mission and objectives of assisting the Horticulture Agent and educating the public. It would be up to senior members of UK's Horticulture department to contact the state regarding regulating movement or quarantines, not the FCMGA.

7. Announcements

A. Comments by Fayette County Horticulture Technician, Carrie Spry

Carrie Spry reported that because Cardinal Hill has now become a for-profit institution, EMGS will no longer volunteer at their rehabilitation garden. Carrie also said that Jamie is developing a plan to enlarge the Extension Backyard Garden to incorporate the Arboretum vegetable and herb gardens.

B. 2019 EMG Annual Meeting – Nancy Davis

Nancy Davis announced that the EMG Annual Meeting will take place on January 13th at 4:00 PM. Set-up will be on Friday January 11th at 1:00 PM. New MGs will be

encouraged to volunteer at set up and at the meeting. Nancy will contact Tina Godby regarding having logowear available to order at the meeting.

C. Future Executive Committee Meetings (all at 9:30 AM)

Nancy Davis announced the dates of the 2019 Executive Committee meetings:

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

D. Newsletter Deadlines:

Winter Issue November 15 Deadline for submissions

December 3 Publication date

8. Adjournment

Debbie Johnson thanked outgoing board members Christine Parsons, Jane Peters, Clare Farnau, and Donella Chenault for their service on the FCMGA board.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Jane Peters, Secretary