

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Fayette County Master Gardener Association (FCMGA)
January 22, 2017**

I. Call to Order & Welcome

President Owen welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order.

II. Skit by the Master Gardener Studio Players

Kudos to the EMG skit's writers and performers; also thanks to Pemberton's Greenhouses for loaning its indoor Norfolk pines for stage props.

III. Minutes of February 21, 2016 annual meeting.

The minutes of the 2016 annual meeting were approved.

IV. Review of EMG Volunteer Work

President Owen introduced those who served as 2016 committee chairs and co-chairs and reviewed each committee's respective initiatives and accomplishments. Kelly Weber, who stepped down as Newsletter Chair, was thanked for her many years of service.

IV. Developments in 2016 (Jamie Dockery, Carrie Spry)

a. Master Gardener Class of Fall 2016.

1. Jamie introduced Carrie Spry, the new Fayette County Extension Horticulture Technician. Carrie played a major role in the 2016 Master Gardener course this Fall.
2. Carrie Spry introduced each of the members of the 2016 Master Gardener class:
Joe Blackburn, Pattie Blackburn, Nancy Boland, Dana Caudill, Donella Chenault, Jackie Elam, Cheri Fouts, Marilyn Gall, Tina Godby, Natalie Gray, Mary Hicks, Nancy Kolacz, Mary Krautter, Sarah Lee, Susan Miller, Ann Montgomery, Brenda Oldfield, Mike Reymann, Jennie Scruggs, Doug Slaymaker, and Jerry Tiefert.

b. Recognition of the 2016 EMG Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs

Jamie praised the EMG Committees, Chairs, Co-Chairs, and members, for their seamless and exemplary performance this year.

c. Test Drive of the New Requirement of 10 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for EMGs

1. 2016 Test drive of the 10-hour CEU requirement.

Jamie gave particular thanks to Clare Farnau and her Continuing Education Committee for making the test drive of the new 10-hour CEU program a success. They researched and organized an expanded choice of field trips, lectures, and online modules to fulfill the CEU requirements, in addition to the Toolbox courses.

2. **EMGs recorded 934.5 hours of CEUs in 2016.**
3. **2017 CEU opportunities.**
EMGs were provided with a list of currently scheduled CEU opportunities for 2017. Other opportunities will be announced in advance throughout the year.
4. **2017 CEU: change in procedure.**
EMGs will no longer self-report their CEU events online. Instead, credit for attendance will be automatically registered when they sign in at an event and check the MG status box on the sign-in form.

d. New Projects.

1. **4-H and Master Gardeners.**
Extension Agent Chaquenta Smith has proposed a 4-H Horticultural Club to dovetail with EMG's existing gardens, where EMGs could share gardening expertise and nurture youth interest in horticulture.
2. **Turfgrass Nutrient Management Program & EMGs**
Kentucky Master Gardener Coordinator Rick Durham has proposed classes on Turfgrass Nutrient Management to recruit EMGs to train others about issues such as lawn fertilizer use and storm water runoff. EMGs may earn volunteer hours for presenting information to public groups or may attend the classes for CEU credit.
3. **2017 Annual EMG Conference in Scott County (Georgetown).**
Because of its proximity to Lexington, Fayette EMGs are encouraged to attend the 2-day conference in Georgetown, to occur in early this Fall. Fayette County EMGs may attend the conference for CEU credits or earn volunteer hours planning the conference.

V. Treasurer's report.

Kay Fisher presented the 2018 FCMGA budget. The motion to approve it passed.

VI. Nominating committee report.

Ellyn Katen presented the slate of officers for 2017 that was recommended by the Nominating Committee and submitted it for a vote.

President – Debbie Johnson

Immediate Past President – Brenda Owen

Vice President – Nancy Davis

Secretary – Jane Peters

Treasurer -- Kay Fisher

Continuing Education -- Clare Farnau

Volunteer Projects – Ann Henry

Newsletter – Scott Lemaster

Nominating –Ellyn Katen, Katharine Magruder, Christine Parsons

There were no nominations from the floor. The motion to approve the recommended slate of officers passed.

After congratulating the newly elected FCMGA officers, President Owen turned the meeting over to 2017 President Debbie Johnson who presided over the remainder of the meeting. She thanked the 2016 executive board members for their hard work, and presented President Owen with a gift in appreciation of her service.

VII. FCMGA 2017 Memorial Donation.

President Johnson announced that The Greenhouse 17 Farm Project has again been selected as the recipient of a FCMGA memorial donation should we lose someone in 2017, because no memorial donations were made to it in 2016.

VIII. Recognition of Volunteer Hours

a. President Johnson congratulated EMGs on reporting 5,052 volunteer hours working on 24 activities in 2016. She individually recognized those who had each recorded 100 hours or more of volunteer service.

100-149 hours: Jane Aaron, Betsy Adler, Joanna Badagliacca, Nancy Davis, Kathy Fitzgerald, Marlys Higginbotham, Ellyn Katen, Brenda Owen, Christine Parsons, Susan Umberger.

150-200 hours: Nancy Boorman, Ann Henry, Jeanna Jordan.

200+ hours: Sharon Bennett, Debbie Johnson.

b. Special Recognition for EMG Service.

1. Jamie thanked all EMGs for their service and efforts, and offered everyone an automobile license frame printed with "Kentucky Extension Master Gardener."
2. Jamie recognized two EMGs who have continued to serve for over 20 years and presented each with a gift:
 - a. Patricia Petro for her work as a Master Gardener and her continuous encouragement and support of Jamie's work as county extension agent.
 - b. Dan Niffenegger for organizing thousands of extension publications in the publications room, and keeping that order intact for years.
3. President Johnson presented Jamie with a gift from all EMGs in appreciation of his tireless work and serving as an inspiration.

IX. Results of the FCMGA Raffle

Vice President Nancy Davis announced the winners of the raffle.

X. Announcements

a. Recognition for the 2017 Annual Meeting

President Johnson thanked all those who helped set up and prepare this 2017 annual meeting.

XI. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.