

**Fayette County Master Gardener Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2016 at 9:00am**

Present at the meeting: Joanna Badalagaccia, Jamie Dockery, Clare Farnau, Kay Fisher, Ann Henry, Debbie Johnson, Ellyn Katen, Katharine Magruder, Brenda Owen, Christine Parsons, Jane Peters, Linda Richardson, Doris Settles, Kelly Weber.

I. Call to order and welcome

President Brenda Owen called the meeting to order.

II. Executive Committee Minutes from February 9, 2016

The minutes were approved electronically, accepted as modified, and will be made available online.

III. Officer Reports

A. Treasurer

Kay Fisher presented the treasurer's report and provided committee members with copies of the *FCMGA Financial Status Report, 5/10/2016*.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. Continuing Education

Clare Farnau reviewed the 2016 approved Continuing Education opportunities that Master Gardeners may use to satisfy the new 10 CEU credit requirement. The committee has disseminated these to MG members electronically in a document, *FCEMG Continuing Education Requirements*.

B. Newsletter

Kelly Weber reminded the committee of the May 15th deadline for the June Newsletter. She questioned the need for an EMG Newsletter; discussion of alternate informational formats ensued.

C. Nominating

No report (Ellyn Katen).

D. Volunteer Projects

Ann Henry provided a handout, *Fayette County Extension Master Gardener Committees' Reports*, that follows a new procedure and format. The answers each Chair provided to a set of questions have been summarized in a bulleted list in lieu of a narrative report. This report is to be provided to all committee chairs. There was discussion of making this available to all EMG members.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Nominating process and term limits for officers

An ad hoc committee, composed of Doris Settles, Linda Richardson, and Joanna Badalagaccia, presented the *2016 Bylaws Change Recommendations*, regarding the nominating process and term limits for officers of the executive committee. Each of the five recommendations

was discussed and voted on separately. None of the recommended changes passed.

VI. Old Business

A. Financial Review

Brenda Owen, Debbie Johnson and Katharine Magruder completed the required financial audit for the FCMG Association on February 19, 2016.

VII. Announcements

A. Jamie Dockery – upcoming issues

1. **2016 MG Course** – Plans are being made for the 2016 MG course.

2. **Helpline.** Next year there may be an additional **EMG** requirement of doing two helpline shifts between April and October, with some exceptions made for those who have jobs during those hours.

Some EMG members have suggested that having two helpline persons per shift might encourage more people to sign up.

B. Doris Settles announced the publication of her new book, *Prohibition in Bardstown (American Palate)*.

C. Children's Contest. Ann Henry showed the announcement she has created for a children's contest to create a seed package design for the Bluegrass Fair.

D. Speakers Bureau. Joanna Badalagaccia, now Chair of the Speakers Bureau, joined Jamie in thanking Doris Settles for her superb leadership in this position. Joanna plans to create a handout that clarifies the SB services and reduce the number of information leaflets provided at speakers' presentations.

E. EMG archive information.

Doris Settles briefly announced the development of an image archive for the FCMGA.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00am.