

**Fayette County Master Gardener Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.**

Present at the meeting: Nancy Davis, Jamie Dockery, Clare Farnau, Ann Henry, Debbie Johnson, Ellyn Katen, Brenda Owen, Christine Parsons, and Carrie Spry.

I. Call to order and welcome

President Debbie Johnson called the meeting to order.

I. Executive Committee Minutes from February 15, 2017

The FCMGA minutes from February 15, 2017 were approved and will be made available online.

III. Officer Reports

A. Treasurer

Debbie Johnson provided members of the committee with copies of the *FCMGA Financial Status Report, 05/17/2017*, submitted by Treasurer Kay Fisher, who was not in attendance. Since a few clarifications were requested, further discussion was tabled until the next meeting when Kay can provide additional information.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. Continuing Education

- Clare Farnau, Chair, reported that 96 out of 130 EMGs have attended at least one CEU class/event. Eighteen EMGs have earned 10 or more CEU units. So far this year, EMGs have had the opportunity to earn 107.5 CEUs, and more activities are being added regularly.
- Jamie will send a letter to EMGs mid-year, informing them of the number of CEU units they have earned and detailing consequences that will be imposed if volunteer hours and/or CEU unit requirements are not met.
- Further discussion about CEUs highlighted some confusion regarding the differences between maintaining EMG status and being a member of the FCMGA. To address this, a committee was appointed to review the FCMGA Bylaws with an eye toward providing more clarity about this topic. The committee, chaired by Christine Parsons, includes Nancy Davis, Clare Farnau, Debbie Johnson, and Ellyn Katen.

B. Newsletter

Christine Parsons reported on behalf of Scott Lemaster, Chair, that this quarter's newsletter will be packed with interesting information, including photo contest results, committee reports, and upcoming events. The committee continues to discuss whether to retain the quarterly format or change to a monthly e-blast.

C. Nominating (Ellyn Katen for Katharine Magruder, Chair)
No report.

D. Volunteer Projects

Chair Ann Henry provided the committee with copies of the *Fayette County Master Gardener Committees Report Summaries (May 17, 2017)*.

- Growing Community, held for the first time at the Extension Office, was very successful, attracting 152 families.
- Jamie will contact Joanna Badagliacca, Speaker's Bureau Chair, for an update on the number, subject, and location of talks that the committee members have given so far this year.

V. New Business

A. The **State Extension Master Gardener Conference** will be held on September 14-15 at the Scott County Extension Office. It will be hosted by District 4, which comprises Fayette County and 9 other nearby counties. Each county will have responsibilities for certain aspects of the conference. Fayette County EMGs will be responsible for pre-registration, registration table staffing, preparation of goodie bags, and the evaluation of the conference. Debbie Johnson is the point person for coordination for our organization.

VI. Old Business

A. EMG 2017 Budget and Soils Account audit

Ellyn Katen, Christine Parsons, and Debbie Johnson completed the FCMGA account and soils account audits on February 22, 2017.

VII. Announcements

A. A **"Preparing Flowers and Vegetables for Exhibition" Toolbox** will be conducted by Mary Turner of Lexington Council Garden Clubs on June 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Mary will demonstrate making 3 flower designs and will discuss how to display a single stem, a leaf, and vegetables to people who would like to learn how to exhibit at the Bluegrass Fair Flower and Vegetable Contest in July.

B. **Annual EMG Picnic** will be held on Sunday, August 27 at 4:00 p.m. at Clare Farnau's home at 764 Winter Hill Lane.

C. Future Executive Committee Meetings (all at 9:00 a.m.)

- a. Wednesday, August 16th
- b. Wednesday, November 15th

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.