

**Fayette County Master Gardener Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.**

Members present: Nancy Davis, Jamie Dockery, Kay Fisher, Natalie Gray, Mary Hicks, Debbie Johnson, Susan Miller, Christine Parsons, and Jane Peters .

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 February 13, 2018 meeting were approved and will be made available online.

3. Officer Reports

A. Treasurer

Treasurer Kay Fisher provided the committee with copies of the FCMGA Financial Status dated 5/7/2018.

4. Standing Committee Reports

A. Continuing Education

In Chair Clare Farnau's absence, Debbie Johnson communicated that as of April 30th, 26 CEUs had already been offered, and 1,022 CEUS had been reported. Only 509 CEUs had been reported last year at this time.

B. Newsletter

Chair Susan Miller reminded the committee that the deadline for the June 1st Summer Newsletter is May 15th. She asked the board to encourage EMGs to submit newsy, thoughtful, and/or fun gardening items and photos for the Photo Contest.

C. Nominating Committee (Chair Christine Parsons)

No report.

D. Volunteer Projects

Chair Mary Hicks distributed the Volunteer Projects report detailing the committee activities, noting there have been lots of activities since the Board's previous meeting in February.

5. Unfinished Business

A. Handbook Revisions

President Debbie Johnson reported on the review and update of the FCMGA Handbook. The Board voted to approve the revision, and President Johnson extended thanks to both Ellyn Katen and Christine Parsons for their work. Revised copies will be distributed at the next board meeting and copies need to go out to EMGs.

B. Review of FCMGA and Soils Accounts

Debbie Johnson, Donella Chenault, and Nancy Davis conducted and completed the annual financial review of FCMGA and Soil accounts on March 9, 2018.

6. New Business

A. Communication about EMG Members

Discussion was centered on notifying EMGs via email about the death of an EMG, EMG spouse, or child. Jamie suggested polling the membership on: 1) if they want a notification email, and 2) if the EMG's address should be included for sympathy cards. Debbie will talk to Carrie about it when she returns from vacation.

7. Announcements

A. Comments by Fayette County Horticulture Agent, Jamie Dockery

1. The May 5th Growing Community event held at The Learning Center was a great success in spite of the rain.
2. Information on applying for the 2018 Master Gardener Course will be published in the June By The Yard newsletter. The application deadline is July 15th. Interviews will take place at the end of the July. The fee is \$150 and there are scholarships available.

B. Annual Fall EMG Picnic

The EMG picnic will be on September 9, 2018 at 4:00 PM at Anne Lowe's home.

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

Wednesday August 8, 2018
Wednesday November 14, 2018

8. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.