

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Fayette County Master Gardener Association (FCMGA)
January 13, 2019**

1. Welcome and Call to order

President Debbie Johnson and Vice President Nancy Davis welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order.

2. Minutes of the Annual Meeting on January 28, 2018

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting in 2018 were approved by Executive Committee in February 2018.

3. Review of 2018 EMG Committees

President Johnson and Vice President Davis briefly reviewed each committee's accomplishments in 2018 and thanked everyone for their dedication.

4. Comments by Jamie Dockery and Carrie Spry

A. Welcome to the Class of 2018

Jamie and Carrie welcomed and introduced the twenty-five new EMGs: Bill Conley, Jr., Stacy Decker, Ellen Ferguson, Mary Fralix, Lauri Gathof-Rosamond, Kim Glenney, Ingrid Haase, Ken Johnson, Jake Karnes, Ron Kayser, Barbara Kemp, Linda Klink, Ann Lyttle-Burns, Susan McDaniel, Sarah Miller, Rebecca Montano-Smith, Subhadarshi Nayak, Stephen Peyton, Liz Reucroft, Susan Robertson, Graham Rowles, Chen Tai, Liz Westin, Judy Worth, and Marjory Yurek.

B. Success of the CEU Opportunities

Jamie praised our EMG's positive reception of the statewide CEU requirements. This requirement has provided more opportunities for EMGs to continue to learn and strengthen their horticultural knowledge.

He also acknowledged the invaluable contribution Carrie Spry has made to facilitate and improve all aspects of the EMG program.

C. Mission and Goals of Extension

Jamie premised his discussion with the fact that even though EMGs have over time created an independent identity, they have also embraced change and new developments. Fayette County Extension conducts a needs assessment every four years and is constantly evaluating its programs. He outlined various upcoming developments:

1. Horticulture within Fayette County Extension

Fayette County Extension embodies a number of programs besides Horticulture, which have traditionally functioned independently from each other. Increasing efforts will be made to collaborate with all Extension programs in the future.

2. *EMG Gardens*

a. **Extension Backyard Garden**

The Extension Backyard Garden will be expanded over the next year so that all of our demonstration gardening projects can be relocated there. The expansion is in response to: 1) the growing traffic coming through Extension; 2) the opportunity to forge stronger connections between neighborhoods, particularly lower income neighborhoods; 3) the need to educate more people over a wider part of the community; and 4) the refocus of our responsibilities to support all program areas of Extension.

b. **Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Garden**

Due to the reorganization of the gardens and Cardinal Hill transitioning to a for-profit institution, it was decided that EMGs will not volunteer at the Cardinal Hill garden in 2019.

c. **Arboretum Demonstration Vegetable Garden**

In 2019, master gardeners will not have a presence at the Demonstration Vegetable Garden at the Arboretum. Former committee members are encouraged to join the Extension Backyard Garden and Mobile Gardening committees.

d. **Arboretum Demonstration Herb Garden**

The EMG's maintenance of the Arboretum Herb Garden will end after the 2019 season. In 2020 it will be moved adjacent to the Extension Backyard garden.

3. *New Activities*

Two new committees are being launched in 2019, Mobile Gardening and Toolbox Class Help.

We are working with the Arboretum to identify other projects for us there in the future.

5. **Continuing Education**

President Debbie Johnson reported that in 2018, 88 EMGs took advantage of the 85.5 CEU opportunities and recorded a total of 1,349 hours. A list of 2019 CEU opportunities was distributed.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Kay Fisher presented the 2019-2020 FCMGA budget. The motion to approve the budget passed.

7. **Nominating Committee Report**

Chair Christine Parsons presented the 2019 slate of officers approved by the board:

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

There were no nominations from the floor. Debbie Johnson thanked Christine Parsons and the nominating committee for their work in developing the slate and called for a vote. The 2019 officers of the FCMGA were elected as nominated. President Johnson thanked outgoing board members Brenda Owen, Past President; Clare Farnau, Continuing Education; Jane Peters, Secretary; Christine Parsons, Nominating Chair; and Donella Chenault, Nominating.

8. Comments by newly elected President Nancy Davis

Outgoing President Debbie Johnson turned the meeting over to Nancy Davis, who thanked all EMG volunteers, including many in the new 2018 class, who worked on the table arrangements and set-up for the Annual Meeting. She also gave special recognition to Debbie Johnson for her outstanding service as President and presented her with a gift. Debbie Johnson, in turn, thanked all EMG members for their help and dedication during the past two years.

9. Recognition of Volunteer Hours

Nancy Davis reported that in 2018, EMGs volunteered 4,409 hours in 15 activities. She thanked all of the volunteers and recognized those with 100 hours or more.

100-149 hours – 3 EMGs: Cheri Fouts, Ann Henry, Jeanna Jordan

150-200 hours – 2 EMGs: Betsy Adler, Sharon Bennett

200+ hours – 3 EMGs: Nancy Davis, Jane Aaron, Debbie Johnson

10. Memorial Donation

A \$75 donation was made to The Hope Center for Women in memory of Master Gardeners we lost in 2018.

Meeting attendees voted for three possible recipients for a memorial donation in 2019 should we lose a Master Gardner – the Catholic Action Center, GleanKY, and Seedleaf. The votes were counted and Glean KY will be the recipient.

11. Special Recognition for 20 Years of Service presented by Jamie Dockery

Jamie gave special recognition to Kay Fisher and Connie Jirak who have been active Fayette County master gardeners for twenty years and presented each with a gift. He also gave a special thanks to Debbie Johnson and Carrie Spry for their support.

12. Results of the FCMGA Raffle

President Nancy Davis announced the winners of the raffle.

13. Announcements

Nancy Davis thanked all those who helped set up and prepare for the annual meeting and all EMGs who brought such delicious food. Debbie Johnson thanked Nancy Davis for her work in preparing for the meeting.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 P.M.