

**Fayette County Master Gardener Association (FCMGA)**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 9:00 am**

**Members present:** Ann Henry, Nancy Davis, Jamie Dockery, Clare Farnau, Kay Fisher, Debbie Johnson, Ellyn Katen, Brenda Owen, Christine Parsons, Katharine Magruder, Jane Peters, and Carrie Spry.

**1. Call to order**

President Debbie Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**2. Minutes**

**a. Approval of the Executive Committee Minutes**

The FCMGA minutes from Aug. 16, 2017, 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 Report* dated November 15, 2017 and clarified several accounting procedures. In response to a request, Kay will create a sub-account for Cardinal Hill under Volunteer Projects starting with the FY 2019 report.

**4. Standing Committee Reports**

**a. Continuing Education**

Chair Clare Farnau provided a summary of the Cincinnati Gardens Tour and the Kathryn Aalto Lecture. Drawing upon the *2017 CEU Earnings Report* compiled by Christine Parsons, Clare reported that as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 113 CEU opportunities were offered in 2017 and 107 FCMGA members have earned 1172 CEUs.

The committee's review of its numerous 2017 CEU opportunities resulted in planning fewer but longer more in-depth workshops that offer more CEUs in 2018. Workshops will provide EMGs with increased knowledge to answer questions most frequently asked in their interaction with the public. Among those discussed were:

- Diversity and Unconscious Bias Training – February 22<sup>nd</sup> (full day, 8 CEUS)
- Workshops provided by U.K. faculty on Entomology, Plant Pathology, Permaculture, and Weed Identification (4 CEUs per workshop)
- A possible field trip tour of Bernheim Forest in Louisville led by a horticulture agent.

The committee will present EMGs with a partial list of CEU opportunities at the Annual Meeting on January 28, 2018.

**b. Newsletter**

Christine Parsons reported for Chair Scott Lemaster that the deadline for submissions for the Winter EMG Newsletter is November 20th with a publication date of December 1st.

**c. Nominating**

Chair Katharine Magruder presented the committee's proposed slate of officers for the 2018 FCMGA Executive Committee, noting it includes four members of the new class.

President	Debbie Johnson
Past President	Brenda Owen
Vice President	Nancy Davis
Secretary	Jane Peters
Treasurer	Kay Fisher
Continuing Education Chair	Clare Farnau
Newsletter Chair	Susan Miller

Vol. Projects Chair                      Mary Hicks  
Nominating Committee                  Christine Parsons, Donella Chenault, Natalie Gray  
The Board approved the slate. It will be presented to the EMG membership for a vote at the Annual Meeting on January 28, 2018.

**d. Volunteer Projects**

Chair Ann Henry provided copies of the *Fayette County Master Gardener Committee Report Summaries* dated November 15, 2017, noting that many EMG committees and projects were wrapping up during this quarter.

**e. Demonstration Vegetable Garden:**

Chair Ellyn Katen reported that the size of this garden doubled this year providing larger areas to grow a variety of vegetables. The raised beds, however, require significant soil amendment. Jamie Dockery announced that Home Depot made a substantial donation of a high grade organic soil to be used to improve the soil in EMG demonstration gardens.

**5. New Business**

**a. Budget**

Treasurer Kay Fischer provided the Board with the proposed FY 2019 FCMGA budget. The budget will be presented to the EMG membership for approval at the Annual Meeting on January 28, 2018.

**b. EMG Annual Meeting**

Vice President Nancy Davis announced that the EMG Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 4:00 PM and set-up will be on Friday, January 26, 2018 at 1:00 PM. She addressed the timeline, membership notifications, set-up, entertainment (a surprise), and her efforts to involve new EMGs in the event.

**c. Memorial Donations**

The Board voted to make a \$75 donation to Greenhouse17, a previously voted on and approved recipient, in memory of the Master Gardeners who passed away in 2017.

The Board also selected three non-profit organizations that will be considered for memorial donations in 2018 -- Glean Kentucky, Food Chain, and the Hope Center for Women. The EMG membership will vote on the final choice from these three at the Annual Meeting in January.

**6. Old Business - None**

**7. Announcements**

**a. Comments from Fayette County Extension Agent Jamie Dockery - None**

**b. 2018 Executive Committee Meetings (all at 9:30 AM)**

Tuesday              February 13, 2018

Tuesday              May 8, 2018

Wednesday          August 8, 2018

Wednesday          November 14, 2018

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Peters (Secretary)