

Fayette County Master Gardener Association (FCMGA)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

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

I. Call to order and welcome

President Debbie Johnson called the meeting to order and provided members with contact lists for: the 2017 EMG Executive Committee and Committee Chairs and, separately, the 2017 EMG Executive Committee members.

II. Approval of the Minutes

A. Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes from November 10, 2016, were approved and will be made available online.

B. EMG 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the annual meeting on January 22, 2017 were approved and will be made available online.

III. Officer Reports

A. Treasurer

Treasurer Kay Fisher provided the committee with copies of the FCMGA Financial Status Report for the period through January 31, 2017.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. Continuing Education

The implications of the new CEU requirement produced an open-ended discussion about revising the FCMGA Handbook. The discussion was tabled until a later meeting.

B. Newsletter

Christine Parsons reported that the committee has divided its responsibilities and is considering other formats for the EMG Newsletter. The deadline for the upcoming March 7th issue is February 21st; submissions should be sent to Chair Scott Lemaster.

C. Nominating (Chair Katharine Magruder)

No report.

D. Volunteer Projects

Chair Ann Henry passed out the FCMGA Committee Report Summaries, dated Feb.15, 2017, and noted that the most recent Newsletter summary by Chair Scott Lemaster had been inadvertently omitted. Other additional information was provided:

- The School Gardens committee will be renamed the “4-H and Youth Gardening” committee. A new chair will be named soon. (Jamie Dockery)

- Training of the new EMGs for the Helpline will take place in March, prior to its opening in April. Each new EMG will have a mentor for two helpline sessions. (Carrie Spry).
- The Bluegrass Flower & Vegetable Committee will start its preparations in April, a month later than in 2016. (Debbie Johnson).

V. Unfinished Business

A. FCMGA Financial Review

The 2017 financial records have been completed by Kay Fisher and are ready for audit. The required internal financial review will be conducted by Debbie Johnson, Ellyn Katen, and Christine Parsons in the near future.

VI. New Business

A. EMG Communications

The pros and cons of establishing a communication system within the EMG community about unforeseen events, such as illness or accidents of a fellow EMG member, were discussed.

VII. Announcements

A. Seed Swap

The seed swap will take place in Room C of County Extension building on Friday, March 3rd at 11:00 a.m. There was discussion about the most effective way to handle the actual swap of seeds in order to make the event a success.

B. Future Executive Committee Meetings

President Debbie Johnson announced that EMG Executive Committee meetings in 2017 will be held at 9:00 a.m. on: May 17th (Wednesday), August 16th (Wednesday), and November 15th (Wednesday).

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.