

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

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

**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 May 8, 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 8/8/2018.

**4. Standing Committee Reports**

**A. Continuing Education**

As of July 30<sup>th</sup> 2018, EMGs have earned 1135 CEUs. The next CEU opportunity is a tour of Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest, in Clermont KY, on August 21<sup>st</sup>. The Annual EMG Picnic will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the home of Anne Lowe, 3714 Pinas Bay Drive. The Continuing Education Committee met on July 31<sup>st</sup> to start planning for the 2019 CEU events. (In Chair Clare Farnau's absence, this information has been extracted from her report in the *FCMGA Volunteer Project Committee Report* dated August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018).

**B. Newsletter**

Chair Susan Miller reminded the Board that the deadline for the September 3rd Fall issue of the *Newsletter* is August 15<sup>th</sup>. This has been a busy season for EMGs and she hopes for submissions of newsy, fun articles for this upcoming issue.

**C. Nominating Committee**

Chair Christine Parsons reported that the Nominating Committee is continuing its search for nominees for next year's Executive Board slate. The Secretary and Nominating Committee Chair positions are open. The Committee will seek nominations and self-nominations for these positions from EMG membership in the upcoming issue of the EMG *Newsletter*.

**D. Volunteer Projects**

Chair Mary Hicks distributed copies of the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 *FCMGA Volunteer Project Committee Report* detailing the committee activities.

**5. Unfinished Business**

**A. Revision of the *FCMGA Handbook and Bylaws*, May 2018.**

President Debbie Johnson passed out hardcopies of May 2018 revision of the *FCMGA Handbook and Bylaws* to the Board members. Copies will be given to incoming members of the Master Gardener's class. Digital copies have been e-mailed to all active and dues paying EMGs. The revisions relate only to the Handbook portion, not to the Bylaws.

- B. Communication about EMG Members.**  
No action has taken place on this issue yet.

**6. Announcements**

- A. Comments by Fayette county Horticulture Agent, Jamie Dockery.**

**Interviews with candidates for the 2019 Master Gardener's Course.**

The committee has nearly completed its interviews of candidates for the upcoming Master Gardener class which begins on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. The interviewers have been impressed by the quality and diversity of the applicants and expect about 28-29 students to be accepted for the course. Those accepted will be sent an acceptance letter with a copy of the revised EMG *Handbook* as well as an invitation to the Annual EMG picnic on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.

The training classes will not be open to current EMG members so that full attention can be focused on the incoming students. CEU events offer current EMGs a variety of continuing education opportunities.

- B. Annual Fall EMG Picnic**

The EMG picnic will be on September 9, 2018 at 4:00 PM at Anne Lowe's home at 3714 Pinas Bay Drive.

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

Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

- D. Newsletter Deadlines:**

Fall Issue	August 15	Deadline for submissions
	September 3	Publish
Winter Issue	November 15	Deadline for submissions
	December 3	Publish

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.