

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Fayette County Master Gardener Association (FCMGA)
January 28, 2018**

1. Call to order & Welcome

President Johnson welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order.

2. Garden Bingo

Christine Parsons was thanked for the suspenseful Garden Bingo game she created for this year's annual meeting.

3. Minutes of the Annual Meeting on January 22, 2017

The Minutes of the 2017 annual meeting were approved by Executive Committee in February 2017.

4. Review of EMG Volunteer Work

President Johnson and Vice-President Davis briefly reviewed each committee's accomplishments in 2017 and thanked everyone for their dedication.

5. Announcements:

President Johnson introduced Rick Durham, UK Horticulture Specialist, who spoke about the new "No P On My Lawn" program. Suzette Walling, Agricultural Extension Specialist, was also introduced.

Jamie Dockery and Carrie Spry were then introduced and reviewed the following developments in the EMG program.

a. Award of EMG green badges to the Class of 2016:

Jamie and Carrie presented EMG badges to Joe Blackburn, Pattie Blackburn, Nancy Boland, Donella Chenault, Cheri Fouts, Marilyn Gall, Tina Godby, Natalie Gray, Mary Hicks, Nancy Kolacz, Mary Miller, Sarah Lee, Susan Miller, Ann Montgomery, Brenda Oldfield, and Mike Reymann. Those not present who also earned badges are: Dana Caudill, Jennie Scruggs, Doug Slaymaker, and Jerry Tiefert.

b. The next Master Garden class will be offered in Fall 2018:

Jamie asked current EMGs to encourage those interested in the Fall 2018 class to apply and/or to recommend good candidates for it.

c. The importance of reporting contacts:

Jamie reiterated the importance of reporting the contacts we make during our EMG activities. These statistics are used not only for reports to justify the value and existence of the Master Gardener program, but also as an important factor in evaluating the relevance and success of each of our EMG projects.

d. Upcoming Developments and Opportunities:

Jamie provided updates on the following:

- **Growing Community:** Growing Community will be held on May 5th at The Learning Center at Booker T. Washington Primary Academy School. Leading up to this event, EMG's will work with the students of TLC to teach them the basics of vegetable gardening and assist them in establishing their new raised bed garden for demonstrations that will be offered at the Growing Community event on May 5th.
- **Farmers' Markets:** Jamie is working with the Farmers' markets and Extension's Consumer Science program to generate ideas on how to encourage people coming to the Farmers' markets to take greater advantage of EMG information provided.
- **Early 2018 CEU Opportunity:** Jamie highly encouraged EMGs to take advantage of the upcoming "Unconscious Bias and Basics of Diversity Training" workshop on Thursday, February 22nd, from 9:30 AM-4:00 PM. Participants will receive 8 CEUs.

Jamie extended his thanks to all EMGs who together volunteered over 5,000 hours, resulting in 25,000 contacts with the public in 2017. He also thanked all those who had organized this year's annual meeting.

e. Continuing Education Committee's Report on CEUs:

Chair Clare Farnau reviewed the CEU statistics from 2017 and explained the upcoming changes in 2018.

- **CEU Requirements:** 2017 was the first year EMGs were required to earn 10 CEUs. The committee offered opportunities totaling 119 CEUs and 106 EMGs reported earning a combined total of 1,327.5 CEUs.
- **Changes to CEUs in 2018:**
 - CEUs will be more content driven.
 - Fewer events will be offered, but most will involve more hours and provide more CEU credit.
 - More CEU offerings will be offered in spring than summer.
 - 13 new modules (0.5 CEUs each), are offered online.
 - 41 Toolbox sessions (1 CEU each) will be offered.

A list of CEU opportunities was passed out at the annual meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Kay Fisher presented the 2018-2019 FCMGA budget. The motion to approve it passed.

6. Nominating Committee Report

Chair Katharine Magruder presented the slate of officers for 2018 approved by the board and submitted it for a vote.

- President – Debbie Johnson
- Immediate Past President – Brenda Owen
- Vice President – Nancy Davis
- Secretary – Jane Peters
- Treasurer – Kay Fisher
- Continuing Education – Clare Farnau
- Volunteer Projects – Mary Hicks
- Newsletter Chairman – Susan Miller
- Nominating Committee – Christine Parsons, Donella Chenault, Natalie Gray

There were no nominations from the floor. The vote was held and the 2018 officers of the FCMGA were elected as nominated.

7. Recognition of Volunteer Hours

Debbie Johnson reported that in 2017 EMGs volunteered 5,062 hours in 21 activities. She thanked all the volunteers and recognized those volunteers with 100 hours or more.

100-149 hours – 4 people: Betsy Adler, Kay Fisher, Ellyn Katen, and Christine Parsons

150-200 hours – 2 people: Sharon Bennett, Nancy Davis

200+ hours – 2 people: Jeanna Jordan, Debbie Johnson

8. Memorial Donation

A \$75 memorial donation was made to Greenhouse 17 in memory of master gardeners we lost in 2017.

Participants at the annual meeting voted to have The Hope Center for Women as the recipient of a memorial donation this year should we lose a master gardener.

9. Results of the FCMGA Raffle

Vice President Nancy Davis announced the winners of the raffle.

10. Announcements**a. Recognition for the 2018 Annual Meeting.**

President Johnson and Vice President Nancy Davis thanked all those who helped set up and prepare this 2018 annual meeting, the 2016 class for their help with the meeting, and all EMGs attending for providing such delicious food.

b. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.