

## Master Gardener Minutes for Feb. 6, 2018

Number in attendance 44

Wendy Tate called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. She welcomed the members of the new Master Gardener class to the meeting.

Lauren Hill then did her presentation as she had a meeting to attend.

- The new students stood and introduced themselves
- First field trip for the class is tomorrow
- Volunteer Appreciation Day is February 15, 2018 at the Extension office from 10 am- 2pm.
- Extension plant sale is going on now. Fliers are available or see it on the web site <http://cabarrus.ces.ncsu.edu>

Presenters today were master gardeners talking about the Spring Herb and Plant Festival which will occur April 14, 2018:

- Jackie Aston gave a history of the festival
- Pat Gladden talked about the marketing committee and how all can contribute. Fliers were available to take home with all
- Vickie Julian spoke about vendors and setting up the midway for them
- Renee Hedrick gave an overview about the plants needed to sell at the festival and brought in examples of nice plants
- Gerri Harris went over the budget from last year and the projected one for this year.
- Mitchell Hagler talked about the grants and scholarships we give out to schools, gardens, individuals and other organizations with the money we make at the event.
- Scott Maxwell gave an overview of the new venue, our tents for the event and general information

We then had a 15-minute break.

Wendy Tate called the meeting back to order at 10:55 am

The minutes were approved as is from January. Renee Hedrick motioned to accept and Aurora Ormsby seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Renee Hedrick announced the post meeting lunch would be at Pier 51

Joe Hutchens reported on Harry Stanhope's health. He remains in rehab and is improving.

Wendy Tate thanked everyone who worked the booth and did presentations at the Home and Landscape Show

Gerri Harris gave the treasurer's report for last month and also presented the up - coming years budget. Joe Hutchens moved to accept the budget and Marilyn Griffith seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Glenda Steel announced the upcoming Concord Civic Garden Center Symposium on 3/28/18. She also spoke on the City Nature Challenge, which Concord/ Cabarrus County is a part of this year. Concord Wild Life Alliance is also involved. There is a train the trainer day on April 10, 2018 and the event takes place April 27-30, 2018. It involves taking pictures of flora/ fauna and uploading them to I Naturalist app. More information to come.

Karen Lankheet spoke about the new Newsletter. Future ones will be placed on the web site and a link will be emailed to all due to problems with the size of the file. All are invited to participate by writing an article, contributing photos, ideas and requests for future articles. Anyone wanting to be on the committee please let Karen know.

Drawing for the door prize was done and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Karen Lankheet- secretary