

Minutes for Master Gardener Volunteer Meeting 1/2/2018

Attendance 28 and 1 guest

Wendy Tate called the meeting to order at 9:45 am and handed out agendas.

Speaker: Bob Wilbur spoke on seed starting.

Protecting seeds from moisture in an airtight container or food saver wrap is the best way to increase length of time germination will occur. He brought in his seed starting packs and green house with lights to demonstrate how he starts his seeds. The small greenhouses keep the temperature in the 80's out in his garage and he provides 18 hours of light. He makes a soilless soil using coir, a coconut husk material, with perlite, vermiculite and compost. He makes his own compost using leaves, grass clippings and kitchen waste.

Break for 15 minutes

Meeting restarted at 10:45

Wendy welcomed the 2 new officers for the year: Karen Lankheet as secretary and Phyllis Putnam as VP of Programs.

The minutes from November were approved. A motion was made by Steve Mosier to accept them as written and seconded by Scott Maxwell. All were in favor.

Gerri Harris gave the treasurer's report. Joe Ormsby motioned to accept the report and Joe Hutchens seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mitchell Hagler gave a report on the Grants and Scholarship program. He handed out a report on the history of the grant since 2009. In 2017 we gave out \$2250 which is below our budget. The committee met today to discuss our guidelines and it was decided they were broad enough to accommodate any type of school located in Cabarrus County. So therefore the grant to Stonewall Jackson School was approved for \$500.00. Scholarship information will be forwarded to all schools to help increase the applications for a scholarship in the coming year.

Wendy Tate announce that the next meeting will be about Herb Fest, it's history, currant needs etc

Lauren Hill gave her report: 2017 was a good year!

- She did her first MG class which was very successful!
- Highest volunteer hours went to Renee Hedrick and highest educational hours went to Karen Lankheet.

- Recap of the year's events was done with a thank you to all volunteers.
- The new MG class will start Jan. 17 through May 2 on Wednesdays from 1-4 pm. She will email out the schedule so anyone wanting to attend may come.
- The office remains under construction through February.
- Year- in reporting was done and it showed over 2900hours of volunteer time logged.
- The MG cabinet is now cream colored and next to the printing room.
- A Grand Oak award was given to Harry Stanhope and a plaque will be hung in the office.
- Senior Health and Wellness Day is coming up on March 14 from 9-12 at the Cabarrus Arena. She needs 2 people to volunteer to set up and man the booth. Please email her if interested.
- She also needs help putting the books together for the up coming MG class. Please let her know if available.
- The Greater Charlotte Landscape Show will be Jan. 26- 28, 2018 at the Cabarrus Arena. Staffing is need for booth set up and tear down and manning during the show. Two people have volunteered to speak at the event, which are Wendy Tate and Karen Lankheet. We will also judge the hard landscape vendors.
- Carl Pless is retiring from the Extension Office and his last day is today after 31years.
- She will be doing the pesticide program for credits.
- The rhubarb program is still going and showed less death this year so far.
- The Agritunity Conference will be Feb. 10, 2018 this year if interested in attending. Lauren is not volunteering for the project this year.
- Charlotte Glenn was announced as the New NC EMGV State Coordinator.

Scott Maxwell reported that the new greenhouse at Lomax is on hold until after the Herb Fest. Lomax is asking for monetary help in establishing this green house. Aaron stated that no heat will be turned on this week at the current greenhouse. Renee Hedrick stated that so far the succulents are safe inside the seed starting room but other tender plants may have suffered. Scott Waltermann stated we could move plants to his green house if needed.

The drawing of prizes was done and the meeting was adjourned

Karen Lankheet, Secretary