

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, November 15 at the Bluffs Conference Center. At 10:09 President Susan Franklin called the meeting to order. Members also present were State President Dot Martin, President Elect Marc Teffeau, Secretary Joan McFather, Treasurer Pam Raines, Betty Adams, Sue Allen, Pat Bowen, Becky Dixon, Carol Jackson, Maurya Jones, Shirley Lowe, Debbie Meadows, Portia Moseka, Carol Mumaw, Gerald Phillips, Pam Raines, Linda Robbins, Mary Ellen Roos, Mary Schuster, Gerry Slaughter, Diane Smith, Denise Stephens, Ed Stumler, Mary Ann Szostak, Suzie Thomas, Glenda Thompson, Katie Van Hiel, Diane Walton and Marcia Winchester. Trainees Julia Fuller, Sharon Grundeis, Judy Lester, Eva Plachy, Lucille Rich, and Dick Rubant were also present, as was Extension Agent Josh Fuder.

- Susan Franklin offered thankfulness for all who have helped her with a year's presidency and welcomed Diane Walton, now officially off the care list.
- Joan McFather asked that the October minutes be approved as published with one correction: Paula DiArtiaga was not present. There was no objection. Joan asked everyone to sign the attendance sheets.
- - Pam Raines presented the treasurer's report.
  - Pam asked that all budget requests for next year be in to her by November 30. There will be a budget meeting in December, and the budget will be voted on at the January meeting. [*Forms can be found online at the UGA Extension page, lower right: forms.*]

[Posted: Cash on Hand as of September 30, 2016, was \$1952.63. Deposits in October, including transfer from Money Market \$980.25. Expenses in October: \$270.72. Transfer to Money Market Account \$100.00, leaving a November 1, 2016 balance in the operating account of \$2562.16. The money market account balance is \$2155.96. Total Cash Available \$4718.12. {*See secretary's book for entire report.*}] This report is emailed monthly to all members on or around the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the meeting. If you are not receiving it, please contact her [[pamelaraines@ymail.com](mailto:pamelaraines@ymail.com)]

- Trainees' badges: Josh presented badges to trainees having completed their community service hours – Sharon Grundeis, Judy Lester, Janis Lytle, Janet Peeler, Eva Plachy and Hope

- At the County Agents' yearly conference, Josh submitted our seed library project to the Innovation in Urban Agriculture contest, and won first prize. He will present again at the district meeting.
  - Josh plans to offer mid-week evening programs at R.T. Jones and Woodstock public libraries. Those interested in participating should talk with him before mid-December.
  - Recommitment forms will be due in January.
  - Josh introduced Heather Haines, a member of 4H and a volunteer, who is helping Ashley Witcher in the schools. Those with interest in long range school programs could email her at heather.haines@uge.edu for possible coordination.
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- Dot Martin reported that the lawyers will have everything ready by the end of the week, certainly filed by Thanksgiving, meaning that we could begin soliciting grants for projects by December 1. Pam Raines added that the lawyers have been paid for all their services. Susan thanked them for their work on the initiative.
  - Marc Tefteau explained that we will have a website – Cherokee CountyMasterGardeners.org – but for now it will simply link visitors to the UGA website. He is still working on the format; it will be segmented into areas such as members, newsletters, promotions, and so on. He has made a spreadsheet of subscribers. Pam mentioned the need for a printable version of the newsletter, since we have hard-copy subscribers.
  - General discussion elicited that with our 501c3 we can start asking for support in the community to begin a foundation which ultimately will support the proposed scholarship of \$1,000 per year to a graduating Cherokee County high school senior who will attend Chattahooche Tech to study in some field related to agriculture. Josh suggested having Chat Tech administer the funds for us. Susan asked for a steering committee, and Russell Brannon volunteered to chair it. Members will include Carol Jackson, Mary Ellen Roos, Joan McFather, and Susan.
  - Susan reminded us that project summaries should be completed by each chairman. To make these more useful, she asked that each summary include a brief description of activity, results obtained, hours spent and the chairman's analysis of the results in terms of next year's programs. Should the program be continued, retired, expanded? Please include suggestions for next year. Summaries are due to Susan or Josh by November 30.
  - Mary Ellen Roos reported that
    - Steve Barron will have hip replacement surgery.
    - Judie Bicknell, suffering terminal cancer, is at home resting.
    - Janis Marshall-Kroen's husband is still not doing well.
    - Sue Allen's brother is out of the hospital.
    - Ashley Witcher's baby is due February 1. There's still time to enter the sex and weight contest. Mary Ellen passed a sheet for that.
    - Please continue to pray for these and others.

- Susan

opportunities. She feels that the round robins should have overall chairmen as well as presenters and support help.

- The Christmas party will be catered at Woodmont on Saturday, December 17, at 6 p.m. We will do our own table decorating and dessert table as we did last year. As chairman, Susan will have a decorations-making session at her house. She passed a sign-up list for desserts. Checks of \$15 per person attending may be given to Pam Raines. Please RSVP when you receive your evite. Katie clarified that once you have turned in at Woodmont, the club house is located at the second left turn.
- Katie Van Hiel reported some of the kids' activities.
- Susan mentioned that nothing further has transpired since her and Josh's meeting with Dr. Carroll of the public school system. She added that Becky Griffin has already done a PDF on starting school gardens that should be made available to teachers.
- Dot Martin announced that the state field trip to Gibbs Gardens on November 2 is sold out. The last field trip of the year will be a visit to the governor's mansion with Sandra Deal, coming in December.
- The GMGA membership drive extends until December 31. All who join or renew by then will be rewarded by a \$5 rebate to CCMG.
- Hours spent on educational learning experiences should be recorded on MGLOG, even though they don't count towards the 25 required service hours.

Ed Stumler announced the nomination committee's slate for 2017: President – Marc Tefteau, President Elect – Denise Stephens, Secretary –

November 6 Merrily McLaughlin  
November 11 Shirley Lowe  
November 12 Dick Rubant  
November 16 Debra Rogers  
November 20 Mary Ellen Roos  
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