**Coweta County MGEV Business Meeting**

**9 March 2022**

Executive Board in Attendance: Patty Ellis, Colleen Stephens, Carol Fuller, and Shanna Campbell.

29 Master Gardeners were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02, followed by the pledge of allegiance and an inspirational message by Sonjia Lambeck.

The previous business meeting minutes were approved.

**Officer reports**

* President- Mark Hess- Requested a reach out to any missing MGs that have not been active recently. Notified attendance that the Business Meeting can now be counted as volunteer hours for MGs.
* President elect- Patty Ellis- no report
* Vice President- Carol Fuller- There are directories and awards that still have not been distributed to a few MGs. Emails have been set to those volunteers
* Secretary- Shanna Campbell- no report
* Treasurer- Colleen Stephens- We are currently under budget. New graphics were included in business meeting presentation. There was a donation to the scholarship committee that will be referred to as the Pat Clayton Scholarship.

**Committee reports**

* Education- Nancy Coats presented a plant quiz post meeting for our Continuing Education program of the day.
  + CR Phillips has talked with Stephanie Butcher regarding weekend workshops for the public. (every other month) Requests for presentation topics or volunteering to present a program, can be emailed to Cathy Lebar
* BYA-Allen Summerlin stated March Morning glory program on Mushrooms will be on 03/22 (this is in addition to the regular March BYA)
  + April topic has been booked as well.
* Speakers Burea- Dan Gentry shared that Deberah Williams did a presentation on herbs at Lake Redwine. The Carnegie Library will have a presentation on April 23rd.
* Media/Publications- Shanna Campbell stated that advertising for the SPS is actively occurring and requested and pictures of plants that could be shared. She also called out the great information Patty Ellis has been sharing on the platform.
* Market Day- Starting the first Saturday in April
* Nature Trail- Per Audrey Harrelson, Officier Webb and his workers have helped with privet, elaeagnus and other invasives removal. Thanks was given to everyone that has put the work in to transform the trails.
  + Viburnums are looking like privets and they are working on properly marking them in the trail area.
  + A request was made for clean, dry, metal juice concentrate lids which will be utilized for plant labels on the trails. Any smooth cut can lid will work.
* Hospitality- December 8th , at the fairgrounds, has been booked for the Christmas party. 4H will be hosting the May Business Meeting. March 31st is Graduation for the new class and pass along plants are needed.
* Demonstration Garden- Kathy Olmstead reported, that the garden is coming into spring and everyone should check it out. The slate chips have recently been installed by Officer Webb and his team.
* Greenhouse- There has been a high propane consumption and cost so far year to date. The mother plants will be removed from the greenhouse this upcoming Saturday. There is a potting day scheduled for Friday this week.
* Plant Sale- Per Kathy Olmsted, the plant sale is 1 month and 1 day away.
  + Friday will be an intake day for bare root plants, to be potted up on site.
  + Thank you for all plant donations! Iris, day lilies, shrubs and trees are still needed for the plant sale.
  + There will be an ask the Master Gardner table at the sale.
  + We will be accepting credit cards for the first time. Colleen Stephens will oversee credit card purchases sale day.
  + Please save boxes that can be used by customers on sale day.
  + Sign-up genius will be coming out to sign up for Sale day volunteering
    - 2 Classes have not participated in a spring sale and it is exciting to get back to a more normal sale.
    - Wednesday is table set up and organization
    - Thursday is transport of the plants from the greenhouse to the fairground. All MGs are asked to participate, if able. Lunch will be served, and we need a number for the hospitality team to utilize.
    - Friday is a tidy up and MGs are allowed to purchase up to 3 plants that afternoon.
    - Saturday is the Sale!
* Scholarship- Jennie Adcock updated that March 18th is the last day for scholarship submissions.
* Help Desk- Patty Ellis communicated that the volume is starting to pick up. The Help Desk is currently being managed remotely and they are still looking at getting back in the office, possibly in April.
* Sunshine- Sunshine was requested for Donna Dietz, Lynn Mathews, and Ed Atkinson
* Newsletter- Submissions to Pat Farmer at [patfarmer100@gmail.com](mailto:patfarmer100@gmail.com) by the 24th of each month.
* Fundraising- no update
* Boys and Girls Club/4H- Rebecca Gibson is succeeding in her Baptism by Fire as the new committee chair. She communicated that the “I Can Garden Club” hasn’t met since 2019.
  + MGs were able to return until March with the kids
  + Garden beds need cleaned, no children will be there and volunteers are needed
  + The committee requirements end in mid May. Consider joining the fun!
  + Committee meets twice a month, every other Wednesday.
* Volunteer hours/awards-Patty Ellis reminded us to please log our hours in MGLOG and clarified why MGs should NOT include names in descriptions.
  + For Example- DO NOT ENTER: “filled pots with Kathy”
  + For Example- Initials are acceptable: “filled pots with K.O.”
* Garden Tour- no activity

**Old Business**

* Volunteer Awards.- Carol Fuller distributed Volunteer Awards to those who were present. She has reached via email, to all MGs that still need a directory or an award
* Rooting for Newnan- Was a success!
* Zoom meeting continue- The Monday zoom meetings will continue, at least until a replacement for Karen’s role has been secured.

**New Business**

* Stephanie Update- One offer has been made for Karen’s role, however they declined taking a full time position.
  + New t-shirts will be made available.

**Upcoming business meeting dates for 2022:**

-Thursday 12 May

-Thursday 14 July

-Thursday 8 September

-Thursday 10 November

Meeting adjourned at 10:56

Minutes prepared by Shanna Campbell