Jefferson County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.

Members Meeting Minutes

9 April 2024/ Auditorium / Birmingham Botanical Gardens / 2612 Lane Park Road, Birmingham AL 35223

Business Meeting called to order at 10:02 by Richard Smith

First Order of Business - Financial Report - Carlton "Skip" Craig

Deposits and Expenditures through 24 February 2024

- Deposits 785.00
- Expenditures 3,433.01

As of 25 March 2024

- Checking account balance 13,720.37
- Money Market account and operating reserve 12,628.78
- Money Market account and Grant reserve 6,529.11
- CD (maturity 17 May 2024) 15,000.00
- Liabilities 1,670.51

Second Order of Business - Announcements - Richard Smith

Please sign the Memorandum of Understanding. If there is a problem signing onto the website, see Linda Massey, Bethany O'Rear, or Amy Weis.

Congratulations to the 2023 Jefferson County Master Gardener Intern Class for winning the Search for Excellence Award for their class project at the Lovelady Center.

Registration is ongoing for the 2024 State Conference. Please let Amy know if you will be attending.

Third Order of Business - Announcements - Bethany O'Rear

The 2024 Intern Class is wrapping up with 33 interns. The classes were held at Jones Valley Teaching Farm with next year's class to meet at the BBG, with the class location to alternate between the two places each year. The entire class is working on the class project, which is a landscape plan for one of the entrances.

Bethany is creating a list of people interested in the Master Gardener Class of 2025. These are the first people notified when registration opens on 1 November 2024

Draft

Fourth Order of Business - Committee Announcements

Linda Massey, Membership Chair - Please sign up to visit the Transformation Garden as soon as possible. This can be accessed through the website.

Fifth Order of Business - General Announcements from the Membership

Hana Berres - Saturday, 13 April 2024 is Jefferson County Hazardous Waste Disposal Day; flyers were shared.
Saturday, 12 April 2024 is a Rain Barrel Workshop at JBTF.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM

The Annual Plant Swap was organized and directed by Terri Barker; assisted by Hana Berres. Door prizes were offered by Linda Massey, Membership Chair.

Following the door prizes, Amy Weis, President, who had arrived late from out of town, announced MG Status online, as there had been several questions about this from individuals during sign-in. Amy stated that if you have paid dues for 2024, recorded at least one hour - volunteer or otherwise - for 2023, and signed the Memorandum of Understanding, before Feb. 29th, you are listed as 'Certified Active'. If you did not get any one of those things done by the deadline, you will listed as 'Certified Inactive' (did not do all three), 'Certified Alum' (did not enter hours), or 'Certified Volunteer' (did not pay dues). Even if you are caught up now, the status was set automatically on March 1st and is having to be manually corrected in the system. This is evolving as we speak, Kerry Smith in Auburn is still working on fixing the status issues so they will be automatically set when a requirement is completed. Please be patient while this is getting fixed. As previously state,d iff you are having trouble logging let us know, and we can figure out the problem.

ATTEST BY:

Janet Humphreys

Janet, Humphreys, Secretary

Amy Weis

Amy Weis, President