JCMGA, Inc. MEMBERS MEETING – October 10th, 2023

A meeting of the Jefferson County Master Gardeners, Inc. was held in the Lecture Hall at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023. Fourty-nine (49) attendees were present. Vice President, Hana Berres and Secretary, Richard Smith were absent; President Amy Weis stood in for both.

President Amy Weis gave a point-of-order announcement that Bethany O'Rear would be making her ACES Announcements first as she had to leave for a meeting.

ACES Announcements, Bethany O'Rear

- The 2024 Master Gardener Training Application will open November 1st and close November 30th after which there will be no late additions. The class will be hosted at Jones Valley Teaching Farm for the first time.

- Please attend the Graduation Ceremony on November 14th. The interns have worked hard and will be presenting their project so please show up to celebrate them.

- There will be a series of Zoom Presentatons on the New Reporting System that will go live in 2024. Please plan to attend one of those presentations.

The Education Program began at 11:07. President Amy Weis introduced the speaker, Rick Cybulsky, Rick is an Advanced Master Gardener certified in Jefferson County; a former Treasurer of the Board; and currently serves on the Audit Committee. Rick moved to Alabama from Canada in 1977, and worked in private practice of medicine until retirement in 2014. He completed the Master Gardener training in 2015; got a certificate in Native Plant Studies in 2018; and Completed his Advanced Master Gardener Certificate in 2021. Rick gave a wonderful talk on the Vestavia Hills Corner Garden, and announced that it is open to MG volunteers. Anyone who would like to help should contact him.

President Weis called to order the Business Meeting of the JCMGA, Inc. at 11:40 AM

First Order of Business: Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the September 12th Members Meeting were unanimously approved.

Second Order of Business: JCMGA, Inc. Financial Report, Cynthia Funderburk.

Cindy read the Financial report for August Roots & Shoots. In our current checking account at the end of September, we had $15,462.17. We made $703.68 in deposits. We had $525.73 in expenditures. Our Operating Reserve is $12,594.17; the Board voted to transfer $15,000 from our Operative Reserve to a Certificate of Deposit with Regions which will mature on May 17th, 2024; our Money Market Grant Balance is $6,527.83; and our current liabilities are $10,933.48. We are in good standing.

Third Order of Business: Announcements:

Helpline Announcements, Susan McNamara

The MG Helpline is starting to slow down and we still need folks to sign up to shifts through the end of the season. We only have one shift per week now, and it's Friday afternoons from 1 PM to 4 PM. If you would like to help please let Susan know. There is a new schedule posted at acesagmg.site via the Helpline Calendar link where you can sign up for shifts. You can work from home or Bethany has put in a new computer in the GPIC room at BBG.

Fundraising Announcements, Susan McNamara

The Fall Bulb Sale will end on October 15th. We have raised over $400 so far. The Holiday Bulb Sale will go live on October 18th and continue until December 15th.

Program Committee Announcements, Amy Weis for Hana Berres

There will be no regular Members Meeting in November, in lieu of the Intern's Graduation Ceremony on November 14th. RSVP by November 3rd is required.

Fourth and Final Order of Business: Voting for 2024 Board Members, chaired by President, Amy Weis

Amy began by reading the Bylaws on the procedure for voting and the eligibility of members to vote. She named the nominees that were presented at the September Members Meeting again as Carlton 'Skip' Craig and Janet Humphreys. She then asked for any nominees from the floor. There being no nominees from the floor, she announced that voting would be by roll call based on who were eligible members according to the bylaws (i.e., Certified Active), as names were called a Yes or No vote was given. A quorum of 7 was required based on total Certified Active Membership (minimum hours met and dues paid for either 2022 or 2023). A quorum was established by tallying the number of eligible members present via sign-in sheet which recorded 26 eligible members present, Motion to appoint Carlton 'Skip' Craig and Janet Humphreys was made and seconded, and unanimously approved.

There being no further business, door prizes were awarded.

Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded at 12:17pm.

ATTEST BY:

Richard Smith

Secretary

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Chairman of the Board