MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS, INC.

MEETING HELD JULY 11th, 2023

A meeting of the Jefferson County Master Gardeners, Inc. was held in the auditorium at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Tuesday, July 11th, 2023.

Fifty (50) Attendees were present.

Vice President, Hana Berres, called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

First Order of Business: Announcements. Announcements were given by Chairpersons or appropriate representatives in alphabetical order as follows.

ACES Announcements by Bethany O'Rear, as follows:

Basic Composting Workshop hosted by Bronson Lubresky. Bronson is the new urban regional extension agent. He is hosting a basic composting workshop on July 27th from 9-11am. This is his specialty and he will be talking about how to get a compost pile started and keep it going.

Free online webinar about school greenhouses. This is an online webinar and will be a 2 hour workshop with Professor Pickens. He will be discussing how they work, how to manage them, how to choose potting mixes and do plant sales. There is a flyer in the back and it will be on Monday July 24th from 2-4pm. This webinar will be recorded.

First ever hosted Master Gardener college with leadership training webinar. If you have ever wanted to be more involved or perhaps serve on the board, this will discuss how the inner workings work. We will be hosting watch parties at the north shelby library on August 7th and 8th from 9:30 to 3:30 with lunch provided. There is a $25 fee to cover lunch, snacks and learning materials. Good opportunity to get a lot of CEUs. You must register by Friday July 14th.

Committee Announcements by Hana Berres.

There are a lot of events and volunteer opportunities at community gardens. Please check the flyers in the back at Master Gardener meetings or visit the website. You can also submit pictures to Yawntreshia Coleman (Treshia) who does the Roots and Shoots. Just know that you may be posted on social media!

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Jefferson County is having a fall hazardous waste disposal right now. You can dispose of hazardous waste at no charge. They have one at Camp Ketona and one at Camp Bessemer in the Hueytown area. It will be on Oct 21, 2023 from 8-11:30am and they will take everything - tires, paints, epoxies, expired medications.

Officer elections are coming up.

Advisory Council Minutes. There were no announcements at this time.

Auditing Committee. None given.

Communications Committee Announcements. None given.

Community Service Committee Announcements. There is a lot to do if you would like to join this committee. We also have T-shirts with QR codes if you want to order some nice T-shirts! Funds go to this committee so we can buy mre flyers and educational things to handout. We need to sell 100 T-shirts! It's a pilot project. We are also putting together packages for master gardeners when we go out and educate the public.

Fundraising Committee Announcements. None given.

Hospitality Committee Announcements. None given.

Policy and Procedure Committee Announcements. Sandy McCarthy came up to announce that we are waiting on committees to submit their parts. Meeting again next Tuesday July 18th and then submitting to board in August and then submitting to general membership.

Program Committee. We met with Blythe and she is excited and planning excursions for October, November and December.

Reunion Cocktail Party. It will be in the Ireland Room on September 19th, 2023. Please bring heavy appetizers. We will have cocktails and other drinks available.

Graduation has been planned as a luncheon. More information to follow. It will be the second week in November. It will be from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. Come

celebrate interns as they become official and see what they have done! There will be an amazing Powerpoint presentation showcasing their work.

Remaining Vacancies. Hana stated that we are looking to fill the following positions:

New Archivist Position. We have two vacancies. This is a position we need to have to better keep track of our important records i.e., minutes, especially now that we are a 501(c)3.

Grants Committee. We are thinking about renaming to Project Funding Committee to better reflect the intent of monetary awards that the Association intends to give.

Financial Report. Refer back to the Roots and Shoots.

There being no further business, Hana Berres introduced Todd French, PhD who gave a rousing and very educational speech on "The Art of Growing Mushrooms".

Next month, Phyllis Clay will be giving a rousing speech on "Basil: Culinary Herb and Much More"!

ATTEST BY:

Richard Smith

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Secretary

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Chairman of the Board