

Tipton County Master Gardener Meeting Minutes February 2, 2012

President, Paula Sweatt called the meeting to order at 6pm by welcoming all members.

Vice President, Linda Carter welcomed the interns and introduced our speaker, Donna McComas, Shelby County Master Gardener. The program topic was, "Issues in the Spring Garden."

Secretary, Roxi Phillips, read the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

The treasurer's report was approved as read by treasurer, Phyllis Stephens, with the beginning balance of \$3630.06, and ending balance of \$3655.06.

Committee Reports

- Newsletter- Committee members will alternate writing future newsletters. A request was made for submission of garden photos and articles of interest.
- Sunshine committee- thanks were given for mailing cards to members
- Membership- no report
- Public Relations- Beauton Mathews thanked Merrie Thomas for contributing articles and photos for publication.
- Historical- no report

New Business

- Calendars with upcoming events were distributed to the attendees.
- Paula Sweatt demonstrated how to add events to the calendar on our website. This may be used as a supplement to existing methods for sharing upcoming event information.
- There will be a plant swap in place of our program at the May monthly meeting. Participants should be prepared to give basic information about the plants they bring. There will be teaching hour credits given to those who participate.
- Booker has assigned a computer, filing cabinet and office space for our use.

Potluck dinner was shared by all.

Lawn and Garden Expo

- Working copy of expo flyer was shared and suggestions were taken. Linda Carter will handle changes.
- Schedule for set-up was discussed
- Bios for the speakers will be needed for marketing and introductions.
- Tennessee Forestry Urban Council have asked to participate in the expo. The executive committee voted in favor of allowing them to set-up an information table at no charge, due to the fact that they are not selling product.

-Linda Carter discussed sponsorships and shared forms for soliciting for door prizes. Sponsors will be allowed space for marketing materials and handouts at the event's welcome table.

-Discussion was held about the importance of new volunteers becoming involved as co-chairs on committees to gain experience for future leadership.

-Each expo committee was discussed briefly. Several committees are still in need of a chairman and co-chair.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 with a drawing for doorprizes.

CEU's- 1/2 hour

Admin- 1 1/2 hour

Respectfully submitted,
Roxi Phillips
Secretary