

Ozark Prairie Master Gardener's Meeting March 28, 2019 Hunter Civic Center

Twenty-four OPMG members gathered at 6:00 p.m. at the Hunter Civic Center for a carry-in pot luck supper. (Always delicious, always interesting food!) The business meeting followed at 6:45 p.m.

Opening Procedures

Motion by Lois W., second by Rita S. to accept the March 7 minutes as presented via email earlier. MC. Motion by Pat M., second by Dean T to accept the treasurer's report and bills as presented. MC. (Bills – Plant Sale expenses \$264.30, meeting supplies \$21.53; Savings \$5,037.21, Checking \$3,639.53, Petty Cash \$300.50, Total Balance \$8,977.24) Peggy H collected OPMG hours.

Committee Reports

Community Garden In Mary Ella's absence Dan B reported members should look forward to cleaning out the garden soon. Mary Ella is planning to ask people to adopt a section of the garden this year so you can work when you have time. Dan is adopting the tomato section.

Pollinator Garden Joann asked members to watch for an email regarding clean-up in the near future.

Education Committee/Advance Training Andi had several reminders:

1. Quiz 2 has been sent out. Keep your answer sheets for collection later. This quiz is worth 1 ½ hours.
2. Nothing new to report regarding Field Day.
3. Reminder of the Bramble workshop (1-4 p.m.) and the Tree Grafting workshop (6:30 p.m.) both on Wednesday April 3 at the Hunter Civic Center. Slots may already be filled. Call extension if you are interested. Cost is \$10 per workshop.
4. Reminder that the Edible Natives Events are coming up on May 4 and at the June meeting.

Yard of the Month Carol J. collected volunteers to meet on April 8 at 9:30 at the garden for the first award of the year.

Plant Sale Joann reviewed the schedule for Friday, April 26 and Sat, April 27.

Friday, April 26 Set up at 10:00 a.m., break for lunch. At 12 – 5, set up tables, bring in plants, sort, label, price, etc. By 5:00 p.m. head to Vera Cruz for dinner. After dinner, we will hold a quick meeting and then members will have an opportunity to purchase plants. Motion by Andi, second by Amy that members refrain from purchasing the native plant products until the end of the day Saturday so that the public will have a chance at them. MC.

Saturday, April 27 Please sign up for one of the 3 two-hour shifts (7:30 – 9:30 – includes set-up, 9:30 – 11:30, 11:30 – 1:30 – includes clean-up.)

Old Business

State Association – Awards Report Dan reported all three applications have been finished and reviewed by Carol J. (lovingly known to her family as the Grammar Gestapo), revised as needed, pictures included, and they are ready to be sent.

Mini Conference in Columbia Nothing new (Scheduled for June 4-5)

Master Pollinator Steward Earlene reported more information is on the way. Dan and Marilee are scheduled for April 5, and Joann and Andi for April 12.

Garden Party at the Governor's Mansion After many confusing communications, clubs were notified that only the president and one guest may attend. Earlene and Carol Buck (winner of the drawing!) will attend to represent OPMG.

Scholarship Committee Pat M reported the applications have been sent out and we can vote on the candidates at the June meeting.

Grapevine Pruning Festival 29 people attended (14 were from the public) and it was a very successful day with many good comments all around. The Dale family would like to continue with us on the same event next year.

New Business

MoMGA State Meeting Information is coming out soon. State awards will be presented at this meeting. Dan reminded members that MoMGA and the University are working on programming and infrastructure with local clubs working on hospitality and tours. The plan is to have the same location host the Conference for 2 – 3 consecutive years.

Anniversaries Earlene said several anniversaries are coming up for 2019 and she is looking at plans for celebrating them at the June meeting.

Retirement Earlene and Dan invited members to come to their home between 11 and 12 noon on May 25 to help Earlene celebrate her retirement! Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. You may bring a desert if you like. Please RSVP by May 1.

Walmart Open House April 5-6 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Carol J will take names of volunteers to man the information booth – same as in previous years.

Trip Earlene reminded April 6 is the trip to Licking and the Tree Nursery. Talk to Earlene immediately if you would like to go. Spots are limited.

Blackberry bushes Contact Marilee P. if you want some blackberry bushes!

Adjourn Motion by Joann, second by Lois to adjourn. MC

Clarice Nelson, Secretary

Next meeting **Fri, April 26 at the Home Ec building
after setting up for the plant sale**