

**Ozark Prairie Master Gardener Minutes**  
**October 22, 2020 6:45 p.m.Hunter Civic Center**

During pizza and conversation at 6:15 p.m., Earlene Britton distributed name badges to newly certified members. Fifteen members and one guest were present.

### **Opening Procedures**

Vicki Stark moved that the September minutes be approved as written; Kevin Wilson seconded the motion. MC

Earlene Britton, President, presented the treasurer's report in Marilee Poulter's absence: Balances as of 9/24/20—Savings, \$8,058.98; Checking, \$1,630.55; and Petty Cash, \$300.00 (**Total: \$9,989.53**). Earlene presented a bill for the evening's pizza in the amount of \$84.18. Dean Thiemann moved and Vicki Stark seconded that the bill be approved. MC

Dan Britton told the group that his cousin will make another \$500 donation to OPMG. His cousin likes to know how the donation is earmarked each year; Dan suggested that they be named sponsors of the 2021 OPMG Field Day.

Peggy Huhmann passed around a sheet for those present to record their MG hours.

### **Committee Reports**

**Community Garden** – In Mary Ella Zimmerman's absence, Earlene stated that she would get with her to plan a date for the garden fall cleanup and notify the group.

**Pollinator Garden** – Joann Billington reported that most plants have finished blooming except for a few blooms on the New England Aster. She then revisited collection of seeds and stratification methods.

**Education Committee/Advance Training** – In Andi Woodson's absence, Earlene distributed certificates to those members who attended the **two-hour Master Gardener Tool Talk – Train the Trainer Workshop** conducted on October 6, 2020. Earlene also presented certificates to those people who have completed membership requirements as Master Gardeners—*Heather Crow, Lyn Lewis, Michael Williams, Melissa Williams (all present at the meeting), Katherine Peterson, Clark Peterson and Callie McDonald.*

**Yard of the Month** – It was reported that the October yards were in the Versailles paper recently. The October visits were the last of the year.

**Dues** – Earlene stated that the dues of \$5 for the 2021 Master Gardener year are to be collected. Two dollars of that amount goes to MOMGA for membership.

**Plant Sale** – Joann Billington reported that the Plant Sale Committee had met the previous week. Mary Ella Zimmerman, Carol Buck and Andi Woodson had met previous to that to determine which flower "plugs" they would recommend ordering for the sale. OPMG members with greenhouses would need to be available to maintain the plants once they arrive in mid February. Mary Ella has planned for the

arrival and only three member greenhouses will be needed. Joann also reported that she still needs to talk with those members with greenhouses to see who is willing to help take care of the plants.

## **Old Business**

**Master Gardener Core Class** – Earlene reported that the class did not make. Only two people signed up from the four counties involved. It was set up with two meetings per week during the day. Earlene will discuss with Joni the possibility of offering the class again but perhaps in the evening.

### **One-day Trip –**

**Sheila Morse (September 27)** – Several of those attending stated that it was one of the best trips made recently and discussed those things they enjoyed the most.

**Another trip – Springfield Botanical?** – Earlene had not heard from Andi about the possibility of a visit to the Springfield Botanical Gardens but assumed that next spring would be a good time for doing so. Dan reported that he and Earlene had recently visited Van Meter Park north of Marshall and thought that a field trip there next fall would be a good idea. Good fall color, Indian ruins, Pawpaw trees and Pecan trees would be highlights.

**MOMGA Meeting** – Dan reported that the MOMGA Board meeting is scheduled for November 6 at 9:30 a.m. via ZOOM. Members may participate at the Courthouse. Winners of the MOMGA awards will be announced. The offices of President and Treasurer end this year; the nomination committee for MOMGA has not, however, announced those running for those offices.

## **New Business**

**Christmas Party** - Earlene announced that the OPMG Christmas party will be December 3, 2020, at the Rolling Hills Country Club and will cost \$15 per person. Look for an upcoming email with details. The group did decide they would like to do the “draw from a neighbor” present again this year.

**Master Gardener Minute** – Joann discussed two invasive plants with the group – Bush Honeysuckle and Sericea Lespedeza. Heather Crow brought a gorgeous example of the *cockscorn celosia* she has raised for the past several years and stated that it basically grows “in rocks” on her property. She said that the plants are covered with wasps and bees on warm sunny days and that in the early morning she finds those wasps and bees asleep on the plants.

**Adjournment** – Kevin Wilson moved and Heather Crow seconded. MC

**There will be no November meeting; next meeting will be the Christmas Party.**

*Submitted by Joann Billington, Acting Secretary*