

Cabarrus Master Gardener Volunteer Meeting

Oct. 2, 2018

41 In attendance

9:30 am Wendy Tate called the meeting to order and introduced our speaker for the day.

Speaker- Sherie Neely is the program manager of the RCCC Aqripeneur Academy and Network program which is a joint effort of the community and Rowan Cabarrus Community College. Also present was Deborah Carter who is the program coordinator of the Small Business Center

Highlights of the presentation:

- History of the program
- The network meets quarterly and is composed of various groups wanting to increase awareness local farming.
- Classes center around Growing, Processing and Selling food.
- 2019 changes to program: Will start in January and be held two times a week. Names and descriptions of the classes have changed
- Other classes available to take.
- Web site to sign up is www.rccc.edu. Go to continuing ed., then Aqripeneur site or call 704-216-7222.

10:30 am Break

10:40 am- Wendy called the meeting to order

Wendy- Called for approval September minutes. Ellen Vanderburg moved to accept the minutes as written and Bob Wilber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mitchell Hagler –

- Grants and Scholarship report- we recently granted \$500 to GW Carter Elementary School to help pay for an irrigation system to their existing garden. A liaison is need for this school and Ellen Vanderburg volunteered.
- He also spoke about the possible symposium for 2019 and what committees would need to be formed if approved. Mitchell moved that we host a symposium on Oct. 24, 2019, CeCe McFayden seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Lauren Hill gave her report:

- She thanked all who worked the fair this year. Special thanks to Gerri Harris, Renee Hedrick and their committee for the booth set up. She received good feed back from the community about it. Also thanks to Pat Gladden, Marianne Scully and their committee for setting up Agribusiness Days.
- She was a judge for vegetables at the Rowan County Fair
- There have been lots of calls from growers due to flooding and crop loss related to the hurricane.
- She sometimes has to send samples to the NC State disease and Insect Clinic, which costs \$20 each time. The Executive Committee recently approved \$80 to help her pay for fees.
- The last Library Series talk will be in Mt Pleasant on Monday 10/8/18.
- She has had lots of calls regarding trees problems lately
- Bee Keeping class starts Jan. 22, 2019- March 26. Cost is \$43

- New Master Gardener class is Jan. 16, 2019 through May 1
- Extension Fall plant sale flier was passed around. Deadline to order is Oct.31.
- She is thinking of having a group education day for all. There would be lunch and opportunities to learn about propagation, the website, and care for the plants around the building. Date Oct 24 at 10 am.
- There is a survey on our web site for all to take regarding possibly changing our meeting day to help accommodate those who work, other meeting conflicts and her schedule. Ilsa Bohm will show this to all during her talk.
- Hurricane relief- for those who want to help, the Extension office is collecting non-perishables for kits to send to relief sites. Deadline is Nov. 5.
- She is partnering with Mandy Smith-Thompson to present a Native Plant Lunch and Learn for the employees of City of Concord. The Executive committee voted to donate \$100.00 to the program. This will hopefully help to encourage the planting of native plants in the city.

Ilsa Bohm was introduced as our new web master. She presented the web site, how to use it and how to take the survey. To get to the survey go to www.mastergardenerscabarrus.org, to business end, to survey and fill out the form and submit it. **Needs done by Oct 15, 2018.** Results will be compiled and shared with all.

Wendy moved to approve to reimburse Ilse for \$216 which is the cost of the web browser for 2 years. This is a saving for over half the previous cost. Scott Maxwell moved to approve the motion and Debbie Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Gerri Harris gave the treasurer's report.

Aurora Ormsby –

- She announced there were ice plants in the back for anyone who wants any.
- We have a tour scheduled on Oct 17 at Reedy Creek Park. An email will go out with the address, etc.
- She asked if anyone was interested in touring Suther Meadows in the spring and there was a good response.

Denise Christiana

- Discussed possible options for the Christmas party and asked for a vote. Options were a brunch at 1 pm or a dinner at 4 or 5 pm. The brunch won the vote. The Christmas party will be at 73 and Main Restaurant on Dec. 9 at 1 pm.
- Valentino from Living Décor will offer a class on making a living wreath for \$65. Details will be emailed to all when available
- She mentioned a possible tour at Gold Hill on Nov 17 when they have the Firing of the Fall Fires. Tickets are very reasonable and you can tour shops, etc and the town is decorated for Christmas.

Wendy suggested planning for lunch prior to the meeting and having it posted to the web site with address and direction in the future.

11:40 Meeting was adjourned.

Karen Andre- Secretary