

Unofficial Minutes of the May 17, 2016 Meeting

Board of Directors

TEXAS MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION, INC.

TMGA 2016 State Conference, McKinney, TX

Secretary, Pat Allen

Officers Present were the following:

President Mary Means, 1st Vice-President Peggy Rogers, 2nd Vice-President Nicky Maddams, Secretary Pat Allen, Past President Donna Hagar, and State Master Gardener Coordinator Jayla Fry.

Officers and Directors/Alternates from the following counties were present:

Angelina, Aransas San Patricio, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Brazoria, Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ector Midland, Fannin, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Harrison, Hays, Henderson, Hill, Hood, Hunt, Jefferson, Johnson, Kaufman, Kerr/Kendall/Gillespie/Bandera, Lamar, Lubbock, McCulloch, McLennan, Milam, Montgomery, Parker, San Jacinto, Smith, Somervell, Tarrant, Titus, Tom Green, Travis, Victoria, Wichita, and Williamson. Also in attendance were visitors from the following counties: Bandera, Collin, Dallas, Ft. Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Hood, Johnson, McLennan, Montgomery, Tarrant, and Victoria.

Call to Order:

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Mary Means called meeting to order at 10:00am and welcomed all members to the 2016 TMGA State Conference. Attendance sign-in sheets indicated there were 83 members and alternates and 20 visitors.

Approval of Minutes:

February 6, 2016 minutes were approved as written by Secretary Pat Allen.

Treasurer's Report:

Mary Means reported for Dale Powell an ending April balance of \$42,401.29. At this time, 85 of 87 counties have sent in dues. Treasurer's report was approved.

TMGA 2016 Conference Update:

Bruce Batman, Collin County President, welcomed everyone, and expressed thanks to all who had helped in the two year planning process.

Jim Ewoldsen, Conference Chairman, reported that 530 gardeners had registered for the conference. Everything was going smoothly except for problems with wi-fi and Pay Pal and hoped that those would be fixed soon.

Southern Regional Conference:

Ginger Bason from Tarrant County invited everyone to the Southern Regional Conference being held in Arlington in November. Details and registration information are in newsletter.

TMGA 2017 Conference Update:

Nicky Maddams reported that the cruise conference plans were now finalized. Carnival's ship, Liberty™, will be departing from Galveston on April 27 and return May 1, 2017. Registration by June 1st will give participants a chance to win –a free cruise, excursions in Cozumel, or a \$50 gift card to be used aboard ship. July 1st is deadline to register for cruise at conference rates. A table is set up for registration in the vendor area. Upon disembarking ship, there will be snacks from 9:30-11:00am at Moody Gardens hosted by the Galveston County Master Gardener Association. An Awards Luncheon will be held at 12 noon. Vendors, plant sale and tours will also be available (more information to follow). A block of hotel rooms will be available for those who need rooms before and/or after cruise at Moody Gardens Hotel. Those who do not want to cruise are encouraged to attend the Galveston festivities.

State Committee Reports:

Awards Committee:

Peggy Rogers announced that her great committee had the awards ready to be presented at the Banquet.

Nominating Committee:

Donna Hagar announced that her committee is working on getting positions filled for 2017. They are still looking for someone to fill the Treasurer's position.

Outreach Committee:

Eleanor Tuck and committee of 10 worked on getting information from the 85 counties who had 15, 20 and 25 year members. Members will be recognized at Banquet.

The Gardens at A&M:

Donna Hagar and Garey Wylie recognized Kaufman, Lamar, Concho Valley, Hunt, and Ft. Bend counties for contributions made to the gardens. To date, around \$132,500.00 has been raised. Donna announced that money raised from the quilt raffle will also be going to the gardens. Both Donna and Garey thanked all counties for the overwhelming support to the gardens. There will be a ground breaking ceremony at the garden site on June 17th at 2pm.

State Coordinator's Report:

Jayla Fry thanked Collin County for hosting the 2016 TMGA State Conference. She also announced that the seven-county-pilot online Master Gardener Training program has been very successful and will be ending in April of 2017. At that time, it will be ready for counties to use in training members.

President Mary Means reminded everyone that the next state meeting will be on campus August 13th at 12:30pm with social time beginning at 11:45am. She thanked everyone for coming and hoped everyone would enjoy the conference.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pat Allen, TMGA Secretary