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## ***Wild Ones of South Central PA Monthly Meeting via Zoom***

***January 29, 2024 Minutes*** (submitted by Tami Harnish, Secretary)

Meeting Recording Link: [Jan 29 Meeting Recording](#)

### **BUSINESS MEETING 6:30pm**

#### **Attendance (9)**

**Members:** Jane Allis, President (P), Heather Andrews, Vice President (C), Margaret Naguski, Treasurer (C), Lorrie Preston, Membership (C), Tami Harnish, Secretary (C), Wendy Smith (C), Cindy Hogeman (D), Deb Latsha (Y)

**Other Attendees:** Jennifer King

### **Membership Meeting 0715pm**

#### **Attendance (21)**

**Members:** Jane Allis, President (P), Heather Andrews, Vice President (C), Margaret Naguski, Treasurer (C), Lorrie Preston, Membership (Y), Tami Harnish, Secretary (C), Wendy Smith (C), Cindy Hogeman (D), Deb Latsha (Y), Maryann Skubecz (C), Patricia Coolson (C), Ruth Seitz (C), Shawna Raymond (Y), Susan Wilder (C), Vijay Varma (C), Arlene Taylor (D), Cynthia Hooks (C), Diana Bermingham (C), Joyce Wilder (C), Karen Rudy (C), Jane Earle (C)

**Other Attendees:** Jennifer King

**County Abbreviations:** C=Cumberland, D=Dauphin, P=Perry, Y=York

### **Reports**

Treasurer – Margaret Naguski:

- Will be donating \$200 to national
- Current balance \$4180.32. Main expenditure \$375.23 for 75 additional educational booklets.
- Extended discussion on Year End reporting to national. For 2024, chapters will be required to report quarterly, at a minimum. National has set up templates to be able to upload items monthly. Must upload bank statements. Also for 2024, we must use the re-imbursement form for any re-imbursements.
- Margaret to attend free training for Treasurers in March.

Membership Report- Lorrie Preston:

- Total of 87 members
  - December – 2 new members, 4 renewals, 1 expired
  - January – 1 new member, 1 renewal, 2 expired
- 3 Complimentary Memberships for 2024: Can be Household, Affiliate or Business Membership voted to issue one to Keri Oram. We will need to confirm with National.



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#### Committee Reports:

- Field Trips: Jane Allis, Jane Earle Refer to attached Draft Calendar for 2024.  
Trip to Edge of the Woods Nursery – Heather Andrews to see if we can do a Saturday in June. If not June then September. The nursery asks that we come after normal business hours (after 4pm). There is a nice restaurant nearby – perhaps we could combine dinner with the nursery visit.
- Programs: Heather Andrews, Melanie Wertz, Janet Bargh. (see above for Nursery trip)
- Community Outreach Report (Townships, Landscapers, Garden Centers, Developers): Heather Andrews, Lisa Emig, Wendy Smith.  
Wendy Smith gave presentation to Township Commissioners in Hampden township. Interest in giving presentation to County Commissioners.
- Deb Latsha report on booklet distribution. Booklets given to York County Commissioner to provide to township managers meeting. Follow up to see if we can do a presentation at one of these meetings.
- Schools Outreach: Jill Zdunczyk, Kerri Thauby, Karen Rudy. No report.

#### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:15 pm**

1. **Attendance and Introductions:** Members introduce themselves and where they live. Suggestion to forego introductions in interest of time.
2. Business Session Summary – Brief review of business session
3. Minutes from Nov-Dec meeting approved
4. Discussion of proposal from South Eastern PA Chapter to go in on plant sale from North Creek Nursery. North Creek is a wholesale nursery. They sell plants as plugs in trays. We would have to buy by tray. Orders must be in by end of February to the SE PA chapter. Someone would have to coordinate orders, have orders delivered and then distribute to membership. Still assessing interest. Shawna Raymond to coordinate with assistance from Lorrie Preston once timing for delivery is confirmed.
5. Technical difficulties resulted in inability to show Video: Kim Eierman “Great Native Groundcovers” with Carol Gracie 3 min. Jane Allis, Wendy Smith and Cindy Hogeman provided many examples of good native groundcovers to use. See attachment for list.
6. Links for plant guides: Margaret Naguski shared information for Wild Seed Project from Maine. They have published a trio of native plant booklets: Native groundcovers, native shrubs and native trees. See link: [Wild Seed Project](#). Jane Allis shared the Pollinator Partnership site that has a “guide to guides”. See link: [Pollinator Org Guide of Guides](#). Also, [Ground covers for Mid-Atlantic region](#) (Master Gardeners of Virginia).



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- 7.** Members shared webinars of interest:
  - a. Connie Schmotzer “Native Plants vs. Cultivars – which to Choose”
  - b. Benjamin Vogt presentations
  - c. Great Dixter webinars
- 8.** Books of Interest (by Robin Kimmerer): “Braiding Sweetgrass” and “Gathering Moss”
- 9.** Discussion of Legislation:
  - a. MD passed law stating that HOA’s cannot ban the planting of native plants
  - b. HB 797 Native Vegetation Along Pennsylvania’s Highways – still in Rules committee. The bill calls for planting of native vegetation along highways. The group discussed support for the bill but also wanting to see broader support for the planting of natives, much like the Maryland bill.
- 10.** Upcoming Webinar: 12Feb2024. Maryland Native Plant Society "Planting and Yard Landscaping Techniques: An Insect's Point of View"
- 11.** Next Chapter Meeting: 26Feb2024