

**OSU Master Gardener Volunteers Athens County
August 23, 2021-Minutes**

Location: Athens County Fairgrounds, Show Arena

Speaker/Program-Kevin Clark from OSU will speak on the topic of caterpillars.

Members Present: (List may not be complete) Ed Brown, Tom Forhan, Karen Durniat-Suehrstedt, Nan Needs, Kathy McCorkle, Lee Gregg, Laura Caple, Ceil Weldon, Carolyn Sutherland, Zella Nisley, Nancy Walker, Sharon Deno, Rachael Crouch, Louise Zwayer, Joke Harnish, Char Rae, Betsy Blum

SPEAKER/PROGRAM -First on the Agenda: Kevin Clark-OSU spoke on the large array of caterpillars. "A real butterfly garden can be eaten by the butterflies' caterpillars." Grows most of his caterpillars on plants in his yard and surrounding area in Northern Ohio. Kevin uses netted sleeves with a pull string at each end to cover and protect the caterpillars as they grow. His presentation included a hand-out for types of plants that the different caterpillars eat. Athens County had many of the Butterfly Host Plants listed.

Business Meeting: 7:40 PM

Tom Forhan called the meeting to order at 6:10 and welcomed everyone. It was decided to have a brief meeting since it was close to sunset at our outside setting.

Old Business

- **Approval of July meeting notes:**
- **Treasure's Report: Nan Needs**-Total of \$4937.34 with some outstanding checks.

Committee Reports:

- **Farmers Market-Carolyn Sutherland/Billie Kariher**-Carolyn voiced out that she has met with Billie several times and Billie could not be at this meeting. They decided to keep things the way they were and will start at the Farmers Market next year.
- **Children's Garden-Terrie Perez**-Zella thanked all that has helped with the watering. All food grown at the garden is given to CFI. Zella and her brother had made signs for the garden to include how much produce has been donated to date. Zella announced that 24.5 lbs. had been collected and given to CFI that day. The signs will be on displayed and posted on the pergola in the garden. Terrie and Zella pick and take food directly to CFI. On Wednesday and Saturday the produce is taken to the Farmers Market and weighed. Zella was excited she found a monarch caterpillar and that all flowers are growing well. Zella cleared the path in the Native Garden from the flowers and vines leaning over after the rain. Watering daily. Green beans are coming on. Thanks to Terrie, Tom, Laura, Joke and husband for working in the garden. Girl Scouts are still coming. She urged all to come see the garden!
- **PR Committee-(Lead Person Needed)**
- **Program Committee-Laura Caple/Lee Gregg**- Working on September, October, and November. May have to go back to Zoom meetings. Still following Health Department recommendations. Ed said nothing has changed or has been said as to date. Laura passed a paper to pass around as to webinar preference for the meetings.
- **Newsletter Committee-Ceil Weldon/Marcia Burchby**-Ceil thanked Ed because they all have been emailing articles to Ed and he puts the newsletter all together. Everyone has been contributing great articles.

New Business:

- **Update on plaque in memory of Mason Chambers**-Lee and Zella working on making connections with the Athens Garden Club and Friends of the Library to arrangement of the plaque. Zella has contacted Maureen Wooten.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy McCorkle