

The April 21.'18 meeting of the MCGA was called to order by president Stephanie Clere, with six members and one guest, Maylynn Zimmers, present.

A motion was made by Sandy Henrichs and seconded by Hazel Small to accept March minutes as printed on the club website.

Lou White presented the **treasurers report** :

balance was \$2873.96 :

income \$405.00 (includes dues and workshop),

expenses- \$254.00 to Orchid Davis- March workshop,

leaving a balance of \$3024.96. Approved as read.

Committee reports :

Membership- Lenora Sierk reported she had mailed postcards to members reminding them their 2018 dues are \$16.00. She will do a follow-up for those members who did not respond.

Workshop: Diane Surridge was not able to attend the meeting. However according to the website Lois Owens will be demonstrating a birdhouse in May.

New business- Lou made a motion to hold an officers meeting following the May workshop. She said she thought the board should address clarification of officer's duties. teacher contracts and meeting procedures. The motion was seconded by Sandy- motion carried.

There was a discussion on purchasing business cards for the club. Lenora will check into this.

Sandy showed members an angel made from a banana gourd that she would be willing to teach. She will get together with Diane later on the proposed workshop.

Sandy made a motion to adjourn, seconded Hazel, approved.

The April seminar was given by Gabby Hunter , a renown gourd artist. gabby thanked everyone for inviting her to come back. She also thanked Stephanie for allowing her to stay at her apartment for the previous seminar.

All participants received a kit with instructions and gourds to make two mushroom people. Sphere and banana gourds were used to form the people. Gabby demonstrated how to attach the head to the body, using a very small wood dole, once set the inside of the round hat was filled with crumpled tinfoil, then finished with quick wood or another product.

The rest of the seminar was devoted to using quick wood to make facial features, arms and feet, as well as a variety of painting techniques to finish the cute little fantasy people. Everyone had their own ideas how to personalize their boy or girl, adding birds and nest, canes or baskets. The class was enjoyed by all.

There will be a few kits available at the next meeting, for members to purchase. Price to be determined.

Respectively submitted,

Lou White- sect/treas