

GLEE
(Gem Lakes Engaging Everyone)
March 10, 2016 Minutes

The 6 p.m. meeting was held in the gym at South Aiken Presbyterian Church. Sharon Filler welcomed the 18 residents. A short discussion of upcoming events was mentioned before the speaker was introduced.

Directory: Sharon Filler said the directories have been distributed to the street volunteers. She thanked the street volunteers in attendance who helped make this possible.

Dues: Sharon also thanked those who paid the \$5 membership dues to receive voting rights and to help defray expenses.

Easter Egg Hunt: This event will be held at 2 p.m. on March 20 at the Gem Lakes Pavilion. Lynda Barton and Robin Vitali are the coordinators of this event. Robin and Lynda have been working hard to make this a fun event with games, snacks, and egg hunting.

April Meeting: Vicki Thomas said the April 14 meeting will be held at South Aiken Presbyterian Church in the gym at 6 p.m. and would involve some sort of movement (possibly tai chi, contra dance?).

Sharon Filler introduced Master Gardner Mark Kingsley, Ph.D. Some interesting points made . . .

- Have you ever noticed that “there are no trees on a sod farm?”
- Helpful Resources: AikenMasterGardeners.org, Aiken Master Gardeners Facebook page, Google HGIC to learn about all sorts of topics, not just lawns.
- First, it is very important to know what type of grass you have (centipede, zoysia, St Augustine), because there isn't a one size fits all pre-emergence. He couldn't stress enough that it is very important to read the label first before applying any chemical. When you spread weed control depends on the soil temperature. He made the point that it doesn't really matter what type of weed it is, you just need to know if it is a broadleaf weed. Go to georgiaweather.net and click on Dearing, GA (That's where McCorkle Nursery is located). The soil temperature should be between 60 - 65 degrees when applying pre-emergence in the spring. To control winter annual weeds in the fall, apply pre-emergence when the temperature at night reaches 55-60 degrees for 4 consecutive days.
- Core Aeration: Do it in June or July. Because of our sandy soil, it might be good to water the lawn first before aerating.
- Clemson does not recommend using a weed and feed on your lawn, because when you want to kill your weeds is not the same time when you should be feeding your lawn. You need to wait until the lawn has “greened up” before fertilizing. In his personal opinion, he said if you wait until May you should be able to use a Weed and Feed.
- He also talked about taking soil samples, the Master Gardener program, the Master Gardener Almanac, and the Master Gardeners After Lunch “Yardening” lectures held on the 3rd Monday January through October at Trinity United Methodist Church from 1:30-2:30.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Sharon Filler, Secretary