

2001

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER JANUARY BOARD MEETING

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2001, at 10:00a.m. in the auditorium of the Administration Bldg., at 2301 South University. The meeting was called to order by President Suellen Roberts. Board members present were Beth Phelps, Jane Druff, John Prather, Lou Sanders and Sandy Harrison.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

Old Business- a reminder to the board of the Policy Review Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Tuesday January 16 @ Suellen's home. Budget Review Committee member suggestions were for Ann Cooper and George Harper to be asked to participate under the leadership of John Prather. 2001 Project Committee Chairs and Co-chairs Orientation Meeting will be 1:30-3:30 p.m., Thursday, January 18, at the State Extension Office. Plant ID Labels have been ordered and will be available to members for 3/\$1.00. Discussion followed on proposal to sell these labels at the River Market Booth, Flower and Garden Show, and the AR MG Conference. Recommendation from the board is that these labels be offered for sell only at the AR MG Conference in order not to compete with private business in an open market area.

John Prather presented the Treasurer's Report and after discussion a motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Lou, seconded by Jane, and approved.

New Business- Suellen announced the recent death of Connie Ruth Smith and discussion followed of a memorium for her. The board decided to send a \$25 contribution for a leaf with Connie Ruth's name @ the Pinnacle Arboretum.

Suellen thanked Jane and her Social Committee for the work on the Winter Holiday Party.

State Advisory Board is requesting nominees from each county MG program. Jane Druff was selected to be Pulaski County's nominee.

AR MG Conference, March 25-27, in Ft. Smith. The board addressed Pulaski County's various award nominations. Award categories are for: Outstanding MG Award, Outstanding Project Award, MG Newsletter Award, and the new AR Friend of MG Program Award. Pulaski County will not submit an Outstanding MG nominee. The board recommends the "Old State House" as the Outstanding Project nominee. The board recommends that "Master Minutes" editor Rose Hogan be asked if she would like to submit copies of the "Master Minutes" for that award. After considering LR Parks and Recreation Dept., Landscape Division and State Parks System, Pinnacle Mtn., the board recommended LR Parks and Recreation, Landscape Division as the AR Friend of MG Program Award nominee for their efforts with War Memorial, Contemplation Garden, Arts Center, and at one time, the LR Zoo projects.

John moved to send \$150 to the AR MG Conference as a sponsor for this event. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion on sending a booth exhibit to the state conference followed. Sandy made a motion that John seconded to send a booth if volunteer for this exhibit could be found. The motion carried and Suellen will ask for volunteers at the February and March meetings. A booth for the AR Flower and Garden Show was also discussed. The members involved with this project last year will be contacted for their help.

Sandy reported on the Continuing Education Committee's progress.

John suggested that a time limit for submission of dues be considered. This item of business will be referred to the budget committee.

Beth requested funds for the purchase of an orange traffic cone. A search for donation of this item will be made and if not successful, one will be purchased.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Harrison

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REVIEW OF POLICY AND BYLAWS

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Suellen presented a request for board consideration to allow the Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs to seek PCMG volunteers to assist with their Spring Garden Tour. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, from 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. The PCMG volunteers would be available at the tour gardens to answer horticultural questions. After discussion the board approved a motion to allow the LR Council of Garden Clubs to recruit volunteers from the Pulaski County Master Gardeners for their Spring Garden Tour with the understanding that our organization would be recognized as participants and that these volunteers would receive PCMG Project or Education Hours for their time served.

Another item of business addressed was "Project Fund Request Forms." Beth's sample was approved. These forms for additional funding of projects must be submitted to and approved by the board before any commitment of expenditures. It was also recommended that a separate form with a "yes/no" check box be developed for each committee chairmen to submit their intent to use allotted \$50 for benefit of budget committee.

In a review of the PCMG bylaws, John Prather pointed out the need for a budget committee and audit of the books. President shall appoint both of these as soon as possible. After much discussion of possible amendments to bylaws or changes in policy guidelines, it was decided that Sandy Harrison would contact the Arkansas Sec. Of State Office to see if any fees would be incurred for bylaw amendments. Also, each member will review policy guidelines and submit suggestions to Beth who will compile suggestions for board to review at a later date.

Beth brought to the board a request from the Pulaski County Extension Office Project Committee for expenditure of approximately \$48 to expand the herbal garden and purchase grass sod. The board approved motion by Lou Sanders to accept this request.

Beth reviewed the State Advisory Board Volunteer Manual guidelines with a discussion of difference between state and county requirements. No changes to our requirements except that new members now will be required to have 20 hours of continuing education (previously, Training Classes counted as continuing ed hours the first year). Also, travel time will not count as volunteer hour time unless being used to pick-up or deliver project materials to the projects.

Discussion of: 1) Gardener Journals as a fundraiser project. Projected interests, costs, and availability will be explored. 2) Plant ID Labels to be sold at Arkansas MG Conference, and 3) Silent Auction items for Arkansas MG Conference will be solicited by Beth and Suellen.

Beth reminded the board of the Thursday, January 18 Project Chairmen Orientation Meeting.

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Sandy Harrison, Secretary

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

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New Business- Jane reminded the board of the request by the L.R. Council of Garden Clubs that was approved at the special Board Meeting in January. She told the board that MG Marilyn Tilley would be requesting volunteers at this February meeting to serve as gardening experts and be available to answer questions for the Council's Spring Garden Tour, April 28th.

Beth announced that currently there is internet information concerning the National MG Conference in Orlando, May 28-June 1, 2001. The PCMG office will be keeping lists of registered participants if they will contact her office to assist with travel and roommate arrangements.

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The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was presented by John Prather. After reading the report a motion was made, seconded and approved to accept it.

Beth reported the Arkansas Flower & Garden Show, March 2-4 had over 13,000 this year and to date had raised \$44,000 in scholarships. She thanked the work of 300+ volunteers who made this event possible. She also reported on:

State MG Meeting, March 25-27,--volunteers for PC Booth are being requested, and members will be asked to let her know if they have silent auction items for the meeting.

L.R. Council of Garden Clubs--MG Marilyn Tilley will have a volunteers sign-up sheet at today's meeting. PCMG's are asked to serve as gardening experts and be available to answer questions for the Council's Spring Garden Tour, April 28th.

International MG Conference in Orlando, May 28-June 1, 2001. The PCMG office will be keeping lists of registered participants if they will contact her office to assist with travel and roommate arrangements. Jack Singleton has entered Oakbrook School in the "Search for Excellence" contest for Jr. Master Gardeners at this conference.

The Extension Service is holding a "Conference for Families" in early May and has contacted the PCMG with a request to provide centerpieces for upto 40-50 tables for this conference. The board approved this request and will ask for volunteers at the upcoming monthly meetings.

Beth reported that she had received a letter from John Gill, president of the LR Visitor Information Center Foundation, Curran Hall, requesting that PCMG undertake Curran Hall as a work project. In his letter he states that this will be LR's only official "Historic Garden" and that he hopes PCMG members could provide the knowledge and skill for planning, installation, maintance and public education that such a garden needs. After discussion of this undertaking, Beth recommended that Carolyn Newbern be asked to serve as a liason with the Foundation in negotiating an agreement of each party's responsibilities and commitments. Carolyn will then report to the board. Sandy seconded Beth's recommendation and it was approved.

Sandy reported to the board on findings concerning amendment of the PCMG Association's bylaws after contacting the Secretary of State Office. The association's bylaws were part of the original charter and as such any changes of the bylaws would require resubmission to the Secretary of State for approval with an incurred fee of \$3.00. After some discussion of proposed bylaw changes, Sandy made a motion to table the discussion, because of time constraints, until a meeting to discuss bylaw changes could be called by the president. Jane Druff seconded this motion and it was approved.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER APRIL BOARD MEETING

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Administration Bldg. At 2301 South University. The meeting was called to order by the President Suellen Roberts. Board members present were Beth Phelps, Lou Sanders, John Prather, Martha Thompson, and Jane Druff.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. The written Treasurer's report was distributed, read and approved.

It was announced that Jane Druff is the new representative from Pulaski County to the Statewide Master Gardener Advisory Board. The Pulaski County Board approved a recommendation to the state board that 10 and 15 year members be recognized and presented with pins at the state meeting and that 5 year members be asked to stand.

It was suggested that we recognize our 10 and 5 year people in May this year and in 2002 do this recognition in November.

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Regarding the National MG Meeting in Orlando, about 12 of our members are now planning to go.

Beth requested authorization to purchase additional project signs. Request was approved. She will ask if projects need signs.

The Curran-Conway project is on hold. We are waiting for information from Carolyn Newbern.

The state is offering an advanced MG training session called MG Educator. We can nominate two Pulaski County master gardeners, one each in the two categories.

Suellen said she will ask for jars for the May 1 Extension Families Conference.

New Business: A motion was made and seconded that we proceed to amend the bylaws at this time. The cost is \$3. Proposed changes are

- (1) Article IV, Section 1 to delete the immediate Past President as an officer to be elected as provided in (the position will remain as a member of the Board),
- (2) Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph C,1 to except the Treasurer from the two year term limit,
- (3) Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph D,5 to move the last three sentences to Article VII, new section 3 and to add the word "calendar" before the word "year" in that first sentence.

The proposed changes will appear in the May newsletter for a 30 day written notice prior to

voting at the June meeting as required to amend the bylaws.

Beth made the following announcements:

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- There are trips planned that will be announced at the general meeting.
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Prepared by Jane Druff in the absence of Sandy Harrison.

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO BYLAWS OF THE PULASKI COUNTY
MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION**

Article XI Amendments to the Bylaws require that in order to make changes, written notice of the proposals must be provided to the voting delegates 30 days before the time of the meeting. In order to meet the requirements by the June 12, 2001, meeting the following proposed changes are being sent for your consideration along with the original wording. There will be discussion before the June 12 vote.

Change 1 - to delete reference to the immediate Past President as an elected officer. The position remains included as a member of the Board of Directors under Article V.

Current wording - Article IV Officers and Their Election, Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be:

A President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and *the immediate Past President*. These officers shall be elected at the September meeting for a term of one year each, or until their successors are elected.

Proposed wording of the first sentence - The officers of the Association shall be:

A President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Change 2 - to exclude the Treasurer position from the limitation of two terms. This is to provide the possibility for continuity in one position.

Current wording - Article IV Officers and Their Election, Section 1, Subsection C. Term of Office, Paragraph 1. Officers shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected. No officer shall serve more than two terms in the same office.

Proposed wording - No officer shall serve more than two terms in the same office *except the Treasurer is not limited to two terms*.

Change 3 - To create a new section under the Finances Article and to place in that section auditing committee duties formerly under the Treasurer's duties. To make clear the definition of the "year" for MG financial purposes as a calendar year.

Wording to be moved from Article IV Officers and Their Election, Section 1, Subsection D Duties of Officers, Paragraph 5 The Treasurer...

At the close of the year the books shall be audited being sure that all outstanding bills are paid, and all committee monies returned to the general fund. The auditing committee shall be appointed by the President. An annual record shall be given to the Pulaski County Cooperative Extension Service to serve as a permanent record.

Proposal - that the above wording be added to Article VII Finances as Section 3 with the addition of the word "calendar" added as the 6th word as follows: At the close of the *calendar* year ...

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Oct. 1, 2001

Dear Pulaski County Master Gardener,

Just a note about daylilies and rust. Daylily rust has been found in AR. It was identified in Florida in the fall of 1999. Daylily varieties differ in their susceptibility. The first symptoms are water soak spots, which are rarely noticed. As the infection progresses, raised yellow-orange to rust brown lesions appear. They can be on the upper or lower side of the leaves. If you rub these lesions the yellow-orange spores run off. What do you do? Cut away the infected tissue then spray with a fungicide – Banner, Fertilome Liquid Systemic Fungicide or Immunox.

The end of the year is quickly approaching. If you have hours to turn in please do so. I'll have to send in the Pulaski County Master Gardener Annual report in mid December and I'll also be up dating the list of active Master Gardeners at that time.

It is also time to think about the committees you'd like to serve on next year. If you'd like to change your Master Gardener Project Committee for 2002 please give Mrs. McKinney or me a call. We'll be working on the committee lists as the new class is assigned. Don't forget about the newsletter, travel and social committees, they can always use new members.

The new training classes began last week with the tour of Master Gardener Projects. All the projects we saw looked wonderful! Enclosed with your newsletter is a roster for the new class.

I still need some help with the promotional booth at the AARP / Baptist Health Fair at Park Plaza Mall Sat. Oct. 27th from 10 – 2 p.m. If you can help man the booth give me a call, 340-6650.

Remember there is a Master Gardener only page on the Cooperative Extension Service Web Site. The Master Minutes can be found there in color. Go to www.uaex.edu click on Home and Garden, click on Master Gardener, and scroll the menu on the left of your screen to Master Gardener Only Site. Click on it. The username is *mastergardener*, the password is *compost*. This is also where you can find out what's happening with Master Gardening around the state.

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Please take a look at the Calendar and Notes in the Master Minutes. There is a lot happening this fall. You don't want to miss the fun.

I look forward to seeing you Oct. 6th at the Greenhouse Plant Sale and at the Oct. 9th meeting. Our program will be on the now open Garvan Woodland Gardens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Beth Phelps".

Beth Phelps
CEA-Agriculture
Pulaski County

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

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Past Board minutes were approved. The Treasurer's report for July and August was distributed. The ending balance for August was \$11,034.45. John explained that some income items were high due to expenses being prepaid last year.

Suellen reported that several board members visited Dr. Lile regarding our meeting fees. We made a proposal that he has responded to. He may attend the general meeting today.

There was discussion regarding an increase in dues of \$5 per year. In addition to rent, ways to spend additional money include buying books for the MG library, providing more money to projects, paying more toward the Winter Holiday Party.

The board decided to discuss whether we continue to hold meetings at the State office or go somewhere else at the general meeting. The discussion about a dues increase would be delayed.

Lou moved we authorize the expenditure of \$500 to Beth for the purchase of books for the MG library. John seconded the motion which was passed.

Today will be the election of officers for the coming year.

Suellen will recognize the Advanced Training Committee in the general meeting.

Lou moved we dissolve the corporation status of the Master Gardeners asap. Jane seconded the motion which passed. Beth will put this information in her letter to the membership. This allows our Pulaski County Master Gardeners to be covered under the University umbrella. Changing the bylaws will be delayed for a few months until the University financial advisors meet with Master Gardener officials to explain ramifications of various changes.

The board has looked into accepting Curran Hall as a project and recommends taking it on as a historical planting project. The Territorial Restoration will be considered if they apply but not until their expansion project is finished.

An Audit Committee has been appointed consisting of Ann Cooper, George Harper, and Don Thompson.

The new MG class begins Sept 26 with the tour of projects. If you plan to attend any sessions, let Mrs. McKinney know in advance.

After we vote on officers, we will vote on whether to continue meeting at the State Extension office or to go somewhere else.

Joyce Bumgardner inquired about counting hours worked at Habitat for Humanity. The board agreed that at this time the hours would be considered Community Outreach.

Beth was approached by AARP and Baptist Health who will sponsor a program at the Park Plaza Mall to set up a booth regarding Master Gardening at the mall on Saturday, October 27 from 10 - 2. She will ask for volunteers.

Beth suggested we order another box of garden stakes. We can get 1000 for \$180 and sell them for \$300 or sell some and provide some to the projects as needed. She also mentioned the handouts available before the meeting today. She also recommended we check out the MG web site which has one county's newsletter in color. It is under the public section under Projects. She will ask Cheryl Kennedy if we can get out newsletter on the website. Beth also announced a visitor, the District Director (for the district which includes Pulaski County), Quinton Hornsby. He will be on hand to answer questions that may arise during our discussion regarding being charged for the meeting hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Druff in the absence of the secretary Sandy Harrison.

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The minutes of the April meeting were approved as written. The Treasurer's Report was presented by John Prather. After discussion of various incentives to encourage members to pay dues, a motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the report.

Jane presented the board with a sample of the Advanced Training registration forms. These forms were approved for mailing to the membership with the June "Master Minutes."

Suellen read correspondence from Merilyn Tilley and the Council of Garden Clubs thanking PCMG's for their help on the Council's Spring Garden Tour.

Jane reported on the recent State MG Advisory Board meeting. A review of the planned Educator/Advanced MG training is being undertaken. Volunteers are being sought for help as a "web-site co-ordinator from Pulaski County's district to aid in screening information that will be placed on the state's web-site. Jane reported that she, on behalf of PCMG, had requested consideration for the recognition of 5, 10 & 15 year members at the State MG Convention each year, and that the Advisory Board is planning for this event for next year.

Suellen reported that the Bylaws changes were presented in the May "Master Minutes" and will be announced in the general meeting and voted on at the June meeting. Also, in the general meeting today PC 5 and 10 year members will be recognized with certificates and pins.

Beth was asked to clarify the "Pick-up" locations for the upcoming Memphis Bus Trip.

Lou announced that the plans for the selection of June meeting program of Horticulture Question / Answer Panel members was almost complete.

Suellen reported that she and volunteers had prepared table decorations for the Extension Service's "Conference for Families" and had raised funds for PCMG through their efforts.

Beth reported that she had received a bill from Cantrell Gardens charged to PCMG and asked for information regarding this bill.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER JUNE BOARD MEETING

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Suellen read a letter from Gail Northcutt of the State Advisory Board thanking PCMG for its support of the State MG Meeting in Ft. Smith and welcoming Jane Druff of Pulaski County as a new representative on the State Advisory Board.

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Suellen reported on the fun and success of the summer picnic and Master Garden Tour and thanked the Social and Travel Committees for their hard work. She also reported that to date 20 members had registered for the advanced training "Landscape Design" course to be presented in August.

Suellen reported that the Bylaws changes will be read and voted on at the June general meeting. Also, in the general meeting the 1st "Friend of Master Gardener Award" will be presented to members of the Little Rock Parks and Recreation Dept., Landscape Division: Bryan Day, Phoebe Stephens, Joe Scerbo and Marilyn Mason.

Suellen addressed the appointment of a Nominating Committee with Martha Thompson serving as chairman. A motion to have the president with assistance of chairman and Beth appoint 2 more members for the nominating was made, seconded and approved.

Beth shared a fund raising idea from Rose Hogan of having an old Gardening Magazine recycling box at the meetings, where anyone interested in one of the old magazines (brought by members who no longer want them) located in the box would leave a small donation in exchange. Beth also reported that Hines Nurseries had donated twelve new varieties of Hydrangeas to the Old Mill Project.

Beth reported on the National meeting in Orlando: a very good conference that was able to accommodate a large number of people. Ten Pulaski County and about 30 Arkansas members were present among the 800 or so total participants. Disney and Scott Co. provided wonderful products and speakers. Next meeting in 2003 in Cincinnati/ North Kentucky area.

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Suellen read a letter from Gail Northcutt of the State Advisory Board thanking PCMG for its support of the State MG Meeting in Ft. Smith and welcoming Jane Druff of Pulaski County as a new representative on the State Advisory Board.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as written. John Prather presented the Treasurer's Report including a contribution of \$300 from the LR Council of Garden Clubs. After discussion of various incentives to encourage members to pay dues, a motion was made, seconded and approved to have one final attempt by telephone contact to reach all members who have not paid their membership dues before removing them from the mailing list. This will be done before the July mailing of *Master Minutes*. The treasurers report was approved as presented.

Suellen reported on the fun and success of the summer picnic and Master Garden Tour and thanked the Social and Travel Committees for their hard work. She also reported that to date 20 members had registered for the advanced training "Landscape Design" course to be presented in August.

Suellen reported that the Bylaws changes will be read and voted on at the June general meeting. Also, in the general meeting the 1st "Friend of Master Gardener Award" will be presented to members of the Little Rock Parks and Recreation Dept., Landscape Divison: Bryan Day, Phoebe Stephens, Joe Scerbo and Marilyn Mason.

Suellen addressed the appointment of a Nominating Committee with Martha Thompson serving as chairman. A motion to have the president with assistance of chairman and Beth appoint 2 more members for the nominating was made, seconded and approved.

Beth shared a fund raising idea from Rose Hogan of having an old Gardening Magazine recycling box at the meetings, where anyone interested in one of the old magazines (brought by members who no longer want them) located in the box would leave a small donation in exchange. Beth also reported that Hines Nurseries had donated twelve new varieties of Hydrangeas to the Old Mill Project.

Beth reported on the National meeting in Orlando: a very good conference that was able to accomodate a large number of people. Ten Pulaski County and about 30 Arkansas members were present among the 800 or so total participants. Disney and Scott Co. provided wonderful products and speakers. Next meeing in 2003 in Cincinnati/ North Kentucky area.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Harrison

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER JULY BOARD MEETING

A Pulaski County Master Gardener Board Meeting called by the president was held on Tuesday, July 24, 2001, at 9:00a.m. at the home of President Suellen Roberts. The meeting was called to order by President Suellen Roberts. Board members present were Beth Phelps, Jane Druff, Lou Sanders, John Prather, Martha Thompson and Sandy Harrison.

The meeting was called in order to discuss a directive from the Director of the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Services that the PCMG would be required to pay a fee for use of the facilities for meetings and/or training sessions effective January 1, 2002. Discussion was led by Beth Phelps and after evaluating the PCMG's finances, effects on increased dues for volunteers to support the added costs, reviewing possible alternate locations for meetings, and feasibility of negotiation efforts to lower expected facility use fees; the board decided to spend a few more days searching for other possible meeting sites and that board representatives, President Suellen Roberts and Treasurer John Prather, would arrange a meeting with Director, Dr. Liles, to discuss his new policy and the effects on our volunteer organization.

The minutes of the June board meeting were amended to include board member, Martha Thompson as being in attendance.. John Prather presented the Treasurer's Report which was approved as presented. A meeting for the board was scheduled for Thursday, August 2nd, to screen applicants for the new training class.

Martha Thompson reported for the nominating committee that after several attempts to find members to serve as treasurer had failed that John Prather graciously accepted the office of Treasurer again, Nancy Moffett would serve as Secretary, and the nominee for the 2nd Vice President had not been out of town and not contacted.

Beth reported that Carolyn Newburn, our liason with the Little RockCurran Hall project, had met with Curran Hall project designer, Becky Thompson, and is working on an acceptable proposal for this to be a new MG project in 2002. This garden would be developed as a "historical/period" garden design, simple in maintenance. Lou Sanders made a motion that Curran Hall become a new project. Martha seconded and the motion carried.

Beth passed out revised copies of the PCMG bylaws for proof-reading and swth no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Harrison

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER AUGUST BOARD MEETING

A Pulaski County Master Gardener Board Meeting called by the president was held on Thursday, August 16, 2001, at 8:30a.m. at the home of President Suellen Roberts. The meeting was called to order by President Suellen Roberts. Board members present were Beth Phelps, Jane Druff, Lou Sanders, John Prather, Martha Thompson and Sandy Harrison.

Suellen reported on a meeting with Dr. Liles, Director of the state Co-operative Extension Service, to discuss the Service's new policy of use of their facilities and its effect on this organization. PCMG was represented by Suellen, Jane Druff, John Prather and Beth Phelps. After discussion of the size of membership, the number of volunteer hours given for state as well as county services, the actual visible involvement of our members in community services, and the effect of this new policy on our membership with Dr. Lile, a compromise was reached on use of the facility and fees charged.

A recommendation by Lou Sanders to send Dr. Lile a copy of this proposal (see attached proposal) with a request that we receive his reply by August 29th was seconded by John Prather and approved by the board.

This proposal and reply along with any other options for meeting places will be presented at the September general meeting for a vote of the membership. A letter from Beth that will accompany the September *Master Minutes* will include a notification of plans to discuss meeting location changes and increase in dues for next year.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Harrison