

Pulaski County Master Gardeners Board Meeting February 20, 2018

Members Present: Joellen Beard, Randy Forst, Sharon Gragg, Carol Mendel, Paul Nolte, Suzanne Potts, Sharon Priest, Kathy Radcliffe, Kathleen Reynolds, Allen White and Carol Young

President Joellen Beard called the meeting to order at 10:00, and thanked everyone for serving on the board this year.

The board and general minutes from November 14th, as well as the votes taken by email in January, due to the inclement weather, were approved as written.

The Treasurer's Report was deferred to an email vote, at a later date. Copies of both bank statements were distributed to the board for their consideration.

Old Business:

Kathy Ratcliffe reported on the PEST Committee's work. The ad hoc committee has been reappointed by president Bread. The original group will stay together until all 34 projects have been evaluated. Six projects were evaluated in 2017. Four are complete, and two others have items pending. Four are scheduled for 2018 and at least 10 more will be scheduled for this year. Joellen asked that the Amy Sanders Library be on the schedule, since the library has moved, and the project will be starting over from the ground up.

Kathy also reported on the Demonstration Garden. The vendors for the fence, irrigation system, and timbers for the raised beds have been selected, and the materials will be purchased through the 4-H Foundation. Interviews for the contractor for site preparation are underway. The funding for phases 1, 2, and 3 is on track, and the money for the gazebo in phase 4 has been pledged. Planting should begin in the fall. Paul will put the timeline on the armgs.org website.

Kathleen Reynolds presented two motions to amend the Busy Bee Award Program. Motion 1: To remove the two month time window for people to purchase metal bees. We now have lists for all who have received Busy Bee's, so they can be purchased at any time. Kathleen is in charge of the lists. The motion was seconded and passed. Motion 2: To remove the requirement of the purchase of pewter bees for past years in order to receive a gold 5-year bee, and to encourage members to surrender their pewter bees upon the receipt of a gold bee. The motion was seconded and passed. Paul will put the lists of all Busy Bee recipients on the website.

New Business:

Joellen reported that the Fairgrounds Project has requested the addition of some new beds to their project. Their funding organization has approved the funds. Carol Young moved that the board accept their request. The motion was seconded and passed.

Sharon Priest reported that Cindy Strauss will be the new Recruitment Chair, and then gave a Social Committee report: May 18th will be the Spring Social featuring the 30th anniversary of PCMG's. It will feature gardens in the River Ridge neighborhood. October 5th will be a ticketed fall event, and The New Member Reception will be on November 13th. There will be no December Holiday Event, and no December general meeting.

The board approved amending the Bank of the Ozarks budget to allow a \$1000 line item for the 30th anniversary celebration.

Online and fall training: Randy reported that the online training has begun with 33 people. The fall training will be a ZOOM training session. If we have over 20 people, we can decide to have a live training.

County 76: Kathy and Joellen are our representatives and will keep the board advised of their activities.

St. James Workdays: The Anderson's are stepping down. Allen will get the materials from them, and hopefully find other church members to coordinate this activity.

Volunteer and education hours in 2017: There are some members who have not fulfilled all of their requirements to remain Master Gardeners. Randy is working to resolve this problem.

Plant Sale Committee: Randy proposes to change to only having Spring Plant Sales at both greenhouses, and to have members bring their own plants to be sold. A committee is needed to plan these sales.

There was one change in status: Kathy moved to reinstate Johnny Eagle. Motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young