

## **Pulaski County Master Gardeners Board Meeting March 20, 2018**

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

President Joellen Beard called the meeting to order at 10:00.

The minutes from February's Board and General Meetings were approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved as emailed.

Unfinished Business:

Sharon Priest reported on the Social Committee's projected expenses for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of PCMG. Their proposed budget for various activities throughout the year totals \$500.00. Kathy Ratcliffe moved that the board accept this budget. The motion was seconded and passed. The board has already approved a \$1000 line item addition to the Bank of the Ozarks budget to accommodate these expenses.

Sharon also brought a report from the Continuing Education Committee. There will be a program on June 19<sup>th</sup> at St. James, following the June General Meeting. The cost is \$25 person. The topic is

"Plants: World Changing, Evil, and Odd; Oh, My!". The speaker is Ann Wood. A minimum of 45 registrants are necessary to make their \$675 projected expenses. Kathy moved the approval of this program's budget. The motion was seconded and passed.

Kathy Ratcliffe gave a report on the PEST Committee. Pathfinders, Park Hill Waterworks, Jacksonville City Hall and Argenta have all been visited. The Jacksonville project needs more people, and may partner with Pathfinders on some work. All projects need updated host agreements in their files at the county Office.

Next week the Committee will visit Mt. Holly, and the Old Mill. They are working with Wildwood to get some more members.

An update on the Demo Garden was given by Kathy Ratcliffe. When the ditches were dug for the French drains, a spring was discovered. It can be handled by the proposed drainage system. Another donation has been received, and the account now has \$41,000. There was a discussion of how to honor the various donors. No decisions were made.

At today's general meeting, the Busy Bee awards for hours worked in 2017 will be announced. Ninety two people will be awarded pewter bees and 21 people will get gold bees for 5 years of Busy Bees. Kathleen Reynolds has the bees and 5 Dremel tool operators in Jones Hall to drill the

holes for the bees on each person's name badge. Replacement bees will be available for purchase as well.

New Business:

Joellen led a discussion on the Janet Carson Consumer Horticulture Endowed Chair. Brian Helms, the Director of Stakeholder Relations wanted the board to submit the names of 3 businesses to contact for contributions. The board decided that more information was needed. Joellen will ask Brian to come speak to us.

The Spring St. James workday, will be April 24<sup>th</sup>. Allen got the information from the Andersons. Catherine Chaumont is the MG who is coordinating this activity. The projects have been contacted about working.

Twelve people have completed the online training, and have been assigned to projects.

Joellen is seeking recommendations for a person to chair the 2019 Spring Plant Sales at both greenhouses. Randy wants to have members bring their own plants to be sold, as well as those grown by the greenhouses.

There was a discussion of the recordkeeping website still being offline. Alternate ways of recording hours were discussed. The yellow sheets used in the past are available for members to use.

There was one change in status: Kathy moved to grant Susie Boyett a medical leave of absence. It was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young