

Pulaski County Master Gardeners Board Meeting April 17, 2018

Members Present: Joellen Beard, Pam Gadberry Sharon Gragg, Carol Mendel, Suzanne Potts, Sharon Priest, Kathy Ratcliffe, Kathleen Reynolds, Randy Forst, Allen White and Carol Young

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

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

Pam presented the two bank statements and they were approved.

Unfinished Business:

Sharon Priest reported that the Social Committee have ordered the napkins for the 30 anniversary festivities. Carol Mendel explained that a map will be emailed before the May 18 tour of homes. The only sign needed will be for the turn off Cantrell into River Ridge. There will be balloon to mark each garden.

The Travel Committee is planning a trip each month. May 12th is Laughing Stock Organic Farm. More details to follow on each trip.

Sharon also brought a report from the Continuing Education Committee. There will be a program on June 19th 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 Ratcliffe gave a report on the PEST Committee. The team will visit Pinnacle and Maumelle next week.

An update on the Demo Garden was given by Kathy Ratcliffe. The stubbing for the irrigation pipe is planned for next week.

New Business:

Two emails vote were taken prior to the meeting. One approved the donation of \$200 to the State Conference County 76 Silent Auction. The second one approved the relocation of the Amy Sanders Library project.

Mary Helen Henry submitted a revised order for the education and project listings on the online reporting system. Carol Mendel moved to accept the proposal, it was seconded and passed.

Brian Helms, the Director of Stakeholder Relations for the U of A Division of Agriculture led a discussion on the Janet Carson Consumer Horticulture Endowment Fund. This fund will supplement state and federal funds which support the Master Gardening program in the state. A minimum of \$25,000 is needed to make this fund viable. Initially the contributions will honor Janet's many years of leadership. Hopefully, future donations can grow the fund into several hundred thousand dollars.

Only twelve people need to complete the online training, The rest have been assigned to projects.

The Spring St. James workday, will be April 24th. Allen reported that Catherine Chaumont had a good response for the projects, and 21 people have signed up.

There was a discussion of finding a person to head up the new plant sale committee. Several members mentioned that the person should be on the board. Kathy is the nominating chair, and would like recommendations.

There were no changes in status:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young