

Pulaski County Master Gardeners Board Meeting May 15, 2018

Members Present: Joellen Beard, Pam Gadberry Sharon Gragg, Carol Mendel, 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 April's Board and General Meetings were approved.

Pam presented the two bank statements and they were approved. Pam and Chris Feild will meet to review the LR Greenhouse receipts. The peer review will be done soon. Dues have been coming in nicely. The idea of having members line up with their checks made out, streamlined the dues collection process.

Unfinished Business:

Carol Mendel explained that a map for Friday's garden tour in the River Ridge neighborhood will be passed out at the general meeting and will also be emailed before May 18 Parking will only be on one side of the street, and carpooling is encouraged. The time is 9am- noon.

Sharon reported from the Continuing Ed committee. Registration will open on May 17th for the June 19th event

Kathy Ratcliffe gave a report on the PEST Committee. The visits to Pinnacle and Maumelle went well. The Governor's Mansion and the LR Greenhouse are scheduled for this week.

An update on the Demo Garden was given by Kathy Ratcliffe. There is a great crew in place, including several people from the online training, but weather has delayed any planting.

Kathy moved that the Little Rock Greenhouse Project continue their current mission for the time being. The motion was seconded and approved. Kathy will continue to develop a committee to research plant sales in other counties, and decide it is feasible for Pulaski County to have one large sale per year.

JoEllen suggested that PCMG make a sizable donation to the Janet B Carson Endowment from our bank account. Members will also be encouraged to make individual, tax deductible donations. This will be discussed at the June meeting.

New Business:

The Amy Sanders Project has overcome some obstacles in their new site, but they are on track in putting in their new beds.

The new online MG's have been assigned to projects. We need to monitor the retention rate for this new type of training.

Changes in status: Marcella Grimmatt is going on sustainer status. Nancy Fitts is coming back to Pulaski County. The changes were approved.

There was a discussion about the Board taking over the two beds in front of the State Extension office. Marylea Gazette and Mary Helen Henry are retiring from this project. JoEllen and Randy will discuss the project with them and report to the board. Hours worked on this project would be counted as work hours on your primary project.

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young