

Pulaski County Master Gardeners Board Meeting September 18, 2018

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

President Joellen Beard called the meeting to order at 10:02.

The minutes from the June Board and General Meetings were approved.

Pam Gadberry presented the two bank statements and they were approved. We collected more dues than were budgeted, so we are in good financial shape.

Unfinished Business:

Standing Committee Reports- Sharon Priest reported that all standing committee chairs can come to the training session on October 24th to recruit members for their committees from the new class.

Stuff Committee: Taking orders today

Social Committee: There will no Holiday Party in December. Instead the committee is planning a February box lunch and chocolate tasting event at the MacArthur Military Museum.

Travel Committee: The next three trips are planned. On September 25th will be a trip to the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks. The cost is \$7. On November 15th there will be a trip to the Dickson Gardens in Memphis, the cost is \$7. And on December 9th, there will be a trip to Garvan Gardens to hear a musical presentation in the Anthony Chapel. The cost is \$35. All trips will be carpool caravans, departing from the Second Presbyterian Church parking lot.

PEST Committee: Kathy Ratcliffe reported that over 2017 and so far in 2018, 17 projects have been visited. There will be three more done next week: Heifer, Curran Hall, and the PC Courthouse

Demo Garden: Kathy Ratcliffe has a power point to show at today's general meeting, showing the progress that has been made.

Plant Sale Committee: Kathy reported that Ann Schweitzer will chair the exploratory committee.

Janet Carson Consumer Horticulture Endowed Chair: Allen White moved that Pulaski County commit \$5000 to the Endowment. The mechanism for raising the funds will be established at a later date.

New Business:

The St. James clean -up day is Tuesday, October 9th and 9 am.

Paul Nolte will have 100 printed copies of the membership directory printed at a cost of \$435. They will for sale at October's meeting for \$5 each.

The board voted to expand the Argenta Project has to include the State Office beds.

The board also voted to allow The Amy Sanders Library Project to move to the Sherwood Senior Citizens Center. The Mayor's office is still the host sponsor for the project.

The 14 members of the Arts Center Project will continue to take care of the beds until construction begins in each area. Then they will be free to choose another project until the construction is completed.

Changes in Status: Over the summer the board voted to approve Leave of Absences for Edward Meadowcroft, Scott Mason, Shirley Knox and Sandy Heister.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young