

Pulaski County Master Gardeners Board Meeting November 13, 2018

Members Present: Joellen Beard, Pam Gadberry, Sharon Gragg, Sharon Priest, Suzanne Potts, Kathy Ratcliffe, Kathleen Reynolds, Randy Forst, Allen White, Ann Schweitzer, Michelle Wasson, Cindy Strauss and Carol Young. Carol Mendel was absent due to knee surgery.

President Joellen Beard called the meeting to order at 10:03.

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

Pam Gadberry presented the Bank of the Ozarks bank statement and it was approved. There are 8 people who have paid for the upcoming online class. The Bank of the America statements from September and October were also approved. The 2019 Budgets from both accounts were discussed and approved

Unfinished Business:

Standing Committee Reports- Sharon Priest reported that the new class graduates on Wednesday, November 14th. Several committees made presentations to the class to recruit new members. Sharon also said that all standing committees has done a great job this year.

Continuing Ed Committee- Sharon reported that 'Plants that changed the World" has been rescheduled for February. There will be an advanced training on water protection and preservation on May 31st.

Social Committee: They are planning a Spring Social at Marlsgate on Friday, May 17th, and the 2019 Holiday Party on December 6th in the Great Hall at the Clinton Library.

PEST Committee: Kathy Ratcliffe reported that 20 projects have been evaluated in the past 2 years, and that there are 9 to be done in 2019. The committee will have the same members for 2019.

Demo Garden: Kathy Ratcliffe said the poles are up for the fence, 8 raised beds have been assembled, and the shell for the garden house has been installed. Going forward, gardeners with expertise with certain plants called in to help with the different areas of the garden. A dedication of the Garden House is expected to be held in the third week of April, and a date for the Formal Opening will be set for next fall. The board agreed that the Demo garden was great idea, and has been a success.

Busy Bee Report: Kathleen Reynolds handed out a report on the number of busy bees handed out, and reported that there are enough bees on hand for the immediate future. There will only

be one day to have holes drilled in 2019. After that people will have to have that done on their own

New Business:

Bylaws: Kathleen is still reviewing them and making sure that the Volunteer Manual is in compliance.

Directory Update: Paul Nolte will have 100 printed copies of the membership directory printed to be sold for \$5 at the January meeting. He will take pictures of the new class tomorrow. He is also working on ways to streamline the blog.

Changes in Status: The board approved a leave of absence for Karlinda Stewart. Also email votes were taken to approve leaves of absence for Loretta Madden on November 27, 2018, Donald and JoAnn Stewart on November 28, 2018, Phyllis Holimon on December 7th, 2018, Len Guyton on December 13, 2018, and Marie Claunch on December 14, 2018.

Awards: Carol Young reported that 3 people were nominated for 3 different awards, so no vote is needed at the general meeting. The winners will be announced with a power point presentation, and they will be our nominees for the state 2019 awards. They will receive their plaques at the January meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young