

Pulaski County Master Gardeners Board Meeting January 15, 2019

Members Present: Joellen Beard, Pam Gadberry, Sharon Priest, Suzanne Potts, Randy Forst, Ann Schweitzer, Michele Wasson, Cindy Strauss and Carol Young. Sharon Gragg was taking up dues downstairs, and Allen White was with his wife, who is recuperating from surgery.

President Suzanne Potts called the meeting to order at 10:05.

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

Pam Gadberry presented the Bank of the Ozarks bank statement for 2018, and it was approved. The B of A statement will be emailed to the board.

Unfinished Business:

The by-laws are being reviewed by Kathleen Reynolds. She will give her report at the February meeting

New Business

PEST Committee: Joellen reported that the committee will visit HAM and the Scholar's Garden on February 12th. There are a total of 10 projects to be done in 2019.

Busy Bee Report: Cindy Strauss moved that we make the Busy Bees a standing Committee. The was seconded and approved. Kathleen Reynolds will chair this committee.

Will Boyster Memorial: Sharon Priest moved that 2 \$50 gift cards be purchased from River Valley Horticulture and given to Sam and Dana for a tree for their yard.

Social Committee: Reservations are now being taken for the chocolate tasting on February 8th from 12-2, at the MacArthur Military Museum. There will be a boxed lunch and a tasting of IZARD chocolates. The deadline is January 30, 2019. and the 2019 Holiday Party on December 6th in the Great Hall at the Clinton Library is under contract.

Continuing Ed Committee: "Plants that changed the World" will be February 19, after the general meeting. There is a boxed lunch and the cost is \$25. There will be an advanced training on Water Protection and Preservation on May 31st at Heifer.

Training Committee: The committee met on January 8 to review the recent Zoom training and they planned an Orientation Day on February 2nd at 8:30 am at the County Extension.

Travel Committee: Cindy reported that the committee met on January 8 and looked at possible travel destinations: The Wild Seed Collection, a hummingbird banding event, Toltec Indian Mounds, some Farm to Table opportunists, Stonewood Garden in Batesville, Laughingstock Farms, and the Dallas Arboretum for the Azalea Festival.

Fairgrounds: Sharon Priest reported that the new management wants to continue to support the project

Argenta: Nancy Clark, who works at the state extension office, has agreed to take over the two beds at the office, that the Argenta Project had previously included as part of their project.

Community Plant Sale Committee: Ann reported that she and Paul Nolte visited Conway to see how they conducted their “Big Dig”, and subsequent pass- along plant sale. Ann’s committee will work with the Little Rock Greenhouse project, to house the pass-along plants at the Greenhouse, and host a combined sale. The money made will go into the Greenhouse Trust Account. The committee is looking into uncommon plants, especially natives. Joellen moved that the fall plant sale at the Little Rock Greenhouse be cancelled, it was seconded and approved. The Pathfinder Spring Sale will continue.

Recuitment Committee: Michelle reported that the committee will have a table at the Laman Library’s Gardenfest in March.

Directory : Paul Nolte had 100 printed copies of the membership directory printed to be sold for \$5 at the January meeting.

Randy explained that they are using SignUp Genius for volunteering for the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show.

He also explained how people who had not completed their hours or not paid the 2018 dues can be reinstated for 2019. Those who reported enough hours but didn’t pay 2018 dues, must pay \$50 , \$30 late fee for 2018 and \$20 for 2019. If they did not report 20 hours for 2018, but paid their dues, they must work 40 project hours and get 20 education hours in 2019.

Brenda Acock is a transfer in good standing from Garland County. She must pick a project that needs additional members.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young