

Pulaski County Master Gardeners Board Meeting February 19, 2019

Members Present: Pam Gadberry, Sharon Priest, Suzanne Potts, Randy Forst, Ann Schweitzer, Michele Wasson, Cindy Strauss Carol Young, Carol Mendel, Allen White. Nancy Archer attended to make a presentation, and Sharon Gragg was taking up dues downstairs

President Suzanne Potts called the meeting to order at 10:01.

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

Pam Gadberry presented both bank statements. Suzanne will appoint two people to audit the books. The audit must be ready for the state by March 31st.

New Business

Proposed CARTI Project: Nancy Archer proposed a new project to the board. It would be a part of the Braunfisch Rooftop Garden at CARTI, 8901 CARTI Way in Little Rock. The CARTI foundation will provide all financial support. Nancy has volunteered to chair the project, and Susanne Potts will co-chair. Four people have agreed to join the project and two more additional members will be assigned if approved. Since two projects have ended, more projects are needed to provide enough hours for members. Carol Mendel moved the recommendation of the project, there was a second, and the motion passed. The project will be presented to the membership for a vote in March.

Projects: Sharon Priest reported that 5 people out of 17 have completed the online training, and 4 have been placed on projects.

Standing Committees:

Busy Bees: They will be given out the March meeting, Kathleen Reynolds will continue to be the chair, and will recruit other members.

Training: An orientation for the online class was held on February 2, at the County Extension Office. Cindy Strauss will send out an email to the online class and the 2018 Zoom class to ask them to join Standing Committees.

Travel: Saturday, April 13, will be a caravan to Gary Coleman's Stone Ridge Japanese Garden in Blytheville.

Plans are being made to go to the Memphis Botanical Garden in June, for a flower arranging class with Julie Wilson. The committee is investigating many other trips for the rest of the year, including: Seed collection with Theo Whitsell and the Master Naturalists, a hummingbird banding event, Toltec Indian Mounds, the Muses Concert at Garvan Gardens, Laughingstock Farms, Crystal Bridges Gardens, and some private gardens.

Social Committee: The chocolate tasting on February 8th at the MacArthur Military Museum was great success. The committee will meet on February 19, to discuss future events. Randy reminded Cindy to always have the committee to present their contracts and other forms to the board prior to events for approval.

PEST Committee: Sharon reported on the Scholar's Garden at the Clinton Library. Currently, only the shade garden is being cultivated. The Clintons are coming for an event on April 4th, and the gardens need to be ready by that date.

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

St James Workday: Pam Gadberry has agreed to be the liaison for these events. She asked for ideas. The spring workday is TBA. Hours count as assigned project hours.

Recruitment Committee: Michele reported that the committee will have a table at the Laman Library's Gardenfest on March 16th, from 1-4. Volunteers are needed, especially from the NLR projects. Katie is will out an email asking for volunteers

Continuing Ed Committee: "Plants that changed the World" will be today after the general meeting. There are 82 participants signed up. There will be an advanced training on Water Protection and Preservation on May 31st at Heifer. There will be a maximum of 75 slots, and the cost will be around \$56. Lunch included.

Will Boyster Memorial: Suzanne purchased 2 \$50 gift cards from River Valley Horticulture and mailed them to Sam and Dana Boyster, along with a note.

Other Business: The Little Rock Greenhouse has asked that a percentage of net profits from the plants sale(s) be given to the Greenhouse Trust Fund. Ann will research this and report at the March board meeting.

Flower and Garden Show- all volunteer slots are filled, hours count as Community Hours

A medical LOA for Christina Phelps was presented. Carol Mendel moved to accept, the motion was seconded and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young