

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners Board Meeting  
March 19, 2019**

Members Present: Pam Gadberry, Sharon Priest, Suzanne Potts, Randy Forst, Ann Schweitzer, Michele Wasson, Cindy Strauss, Carol Young, Allen White, Joellen Beard and Sharon Gragg

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

The minutes from the February Board were approved as corrected and the General Meetings were approved as presented.

Pam Gadberry presented both bank statements. Suzanne is still looking for two people to audit the books. The audit must be ready for the state by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Suzanne passed around a thank you note from the Boyster family.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Plant Sale:** Ann asked the board to decide the amount from the plant sales that should be given to the Greenhouse Trust. The Board voted to allot 20%. Ann moved that we set up a booth at Colonial Liquor Farmer's Market on April 27<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1pm. It was seconded and passed. Cindy will help Ann recruiting volunteers as Michele and other MG's are working our booth at Bemis Bee Day on the same day. Ann is still working on details for a member-driven plant sale.

**New Business**

**Projects:** Sharon Priest reported that 6 people have completed the online training, and 4 have been placed on projects. One has been placed at the Fairgrounds. Everyone must finish the course before the end of March.

**Travel:** Saturday, April 13, will be a caravan to Gary Coleman's Stoneridge Japanese Garden in Blytheville. Possible upcoming trips: May- Pine Ridge Garden  
August -September – Bo Brook Farms- grape growers  
Crystal Bridges Gardens

**Stuff Committee:** They will need time at the April Meeting to talk about the “President’s Shirt”. Orders will be taken at the April and May meetings, with delivery at the June meeting.

**Continuing Ed Committee:** Michele reported that the last two continuing ed events made a total of \$1800. She said the Advanced Training on Water Protection and Preservation on May 31<sup>st</sup> at Heifer, must meet County 76’s requirements, and some advance money may be necessary. The money will be paid back to Pulaski County from the registrations. There will be a maximum of 75 slots, and the cost will be \$56. Lunch included. Only MG’s with 3 years’ experience may attend, and 6 hours of instruction is required. Five dollars of the registration fee is given to County 76, and Pulaski County may receive around \$300 after expenses.

**Recruitment Committee:** Michele reported that 27 people signed the state required sign-in sheet at Laman Library’s Gardenfest on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Cindy Franklin demonstrated drip irrigation. 7 people filled out MG applications, and 13 indicated interest in the MG program. Michele wrote thank you notes to those interested in the program.

There will be a booth at Bemis Bee Day, April 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be leftover plants from the LR Greenhouse Sale to give away.

**PEST Committee:** Joellen reported that Cammack, Sherwood Senior Center, HAM and the Scholars Garden were visited. The Fairgrounds will be visited on April 9<sup>th</sup>. A new Host Agreement is being put in place, due to a change in management at the Fairgrounds and also because project now includes two herb gardens.

Joellen also checked on the donations to the State Conference. Julie Treat will be emailed to see if she has sent out a request for a monetary donation, and the board voted for Joellen to assemble a \$200 basket for the silent auction. (An email vote was taken after the meeting on a motion to send \$200 to help with the state conference. Sharon Gragg made the motion, it was seconded by Carol Young. The motion passed).

**Busy Bees:** There are 107 Busy Bees to be given out today at the General Meeting. Suzanne will call out the names, and the recipients will go to Jones Hall to pick them up and have holes drilled in needed.

**Proposed CARTI Project:** The project will be presented to the membership for a vote in today’s meeting. IT was later announced that it was approved.

**Social Committee:** Suzanne reported that Pat Luzzi has asked for a \$50 gift card be given to the Military Museum, for help with the Valentine event, and for 2 \$50 gift cards for

the musical group at upcoming Holiday Event at the Clinton Library. After some discussion of how this could be handled, the item was tabled until the April meeting.

**St James Workday:** Pam is sending a sign-up sheet around today at the General Meeting. The spring workday is Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Hours count as assigned project hours. It starts at 9am. We pay \$1400 per year to the church in addition to our 2 workdays.

**State Conference:** The registration fee is now \$75 and the deadline to register is March 29th. The conference is April 29<sup>th</sup>, in Hope.

**Dues** are still being collected today.

**Directory:** Paul Nolte is selling printed directories today.

**Special Announcement:** Carol Young announced that the Quapaw Quarter Association, nominated by the Curran Hall project, has won the State Organizational Friend of Master Gardeners Award. The award will be presented to Patricia Blick, the Executive Director of the QQA at the State Convention.

The Board decided to have Paul Nolte publish the board and general meeting minutes, the annual budgets for both accounts, and information given by our speakers on the armgs.org website. He will be given time at the next meeting to remind the membership about the website. Carol Y will give him the minutes and budget.

A medical LOA was granted to Julie Wiedower, and Coralie Maxwell was granted Sustainer Status.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.01

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young

