

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners Board Meeting
April 16, 2019**

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

President Suzanne Potts called the meeting to order at 10:03.

The minutes from the March Board were approved as corrected and the General Meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Pam Gadberry presented both bank statements. They were approved. The acknowledgment of our \$200 donation for the state awards was passed around.

Unfinished Business:

Greenhouse Plant Sale: Ann reported that the Colonial Liquor Farmer's Market on April 27th, has been canceled.

Ann explained that the Little Rock Greenhouse project has some repairs that need to be made. They may cost as much as \$18,000. After some discussion, the board decided the Greenhouse Chairs should present a plan with the various costs, to the board at the May meeting. The Greenhouse Trust has the funds to cover the repairs, but after those expenditures, the Trust will be seriously depleted. Ann will continue to talk with Chris Feild and Jody Jackson, the new chair.

New Business:

Projects: Randy reported for Sharon Priest that everyone who finished the online course for 2019 have been placed in projects. There is a new graduate, Doug Layman, who has decided to delay his move to Arkansas until next year. Randy will check to see if he plans to defer his commitment until next year.

JoEllen stressed the need for a follow up on the 2018 online graduates. Randy will check on their hours and dues, and report to the board at the May meeting.

Social Committee: The committee is meeting today to finalize plans for the May 17th event at Marlsgate.

The Committee's requests for a \$50 gift card to be given to the Military Museum, for help with the Valentine event, and the request for 2 \$50 gift cards to be given to the musical group at upcoming Holiday Event at the Clinton Library, were tabled until the May meeting. Sharon Priest will talk with the Military Museum director to see how this donation can be made, and Sharon Gragg will follow up with Pat Luzzi, on the Holiday Event donation.

Travel: The caravan to Gary Coleman's Stoneridge Japanese Garden in Blytheville has been rescheduled for Friday, April 19th. Gather at the 2nd Pres parking lot at 8:30 am.

May 3- Pine Ridge Garden- limited to 15 people.

June 8-Tour of Arkansas School for the Blind's herbal garden. A \$15 lunch and speaker are included.

June 28- a car caravan to Memphis botanical Gardens, including a floral decoration class taught by Julie Wilson. Time and Cost TBA.

Possible upcoming trips:

1.) Casco, AR hummingbird workshop in July or August

2.) Tour and Talk by Ruth Landers at the St, Joseph Orphanage Farm- August or September

3.) Crystal Bridges for Master Gardener Day-October

4.) Bo Brook Farms- grape growers- Sept 26

Memphis Botanical Gardens for a Christmas floral decoration class- late November or early December

Continuing Ed Committee: Michele reported that the registration for the Advanced training has opened.

Recruitment Committee: Michele reported that several potential members are visiting the general meeting today.

Michele needs more volunteers for the booth at Bemis Bee Day, April 27th She will make a request at the General Meeting today.

St James Workday: The spring workday is Tuesday, April 23rd. Pam reported that 61 people have signed up. A plan has been made and assignments will be given out at 9am. The rain date is Thursday, April 25th.

PEST Committee: Joellen reported that the Fairgrounds were visited. BRI and the Hayes Center will be visited next.

Audit of MG Books: Paul Nolte and Susan Stewart conducted the peer review of the books prior to the March 31st deadline, and found no issues. JoEllen moved that the President appoint the two 2020 Peer Review members in January. Carol Mendel seconded the motion, and it passed.

State Conference: Registration is closed for the conference on April 29th, in Hope.

Dues Today is the last day to pay \$20 at the meeting. After today, dues are \$30, and must be mailed to the county office.

Paul Nolte will give an introduction to the armgs.org website at the general meeting today.

Suzanne appointed Carol Mendel as chair of the Awards Committee for 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.52

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young