

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners Board Meeting
May 21, 2019**

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

President Suzanne Potts called the meeting to order at 10:02.

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

Pam Gadberry presented both bank statements. They were approved. Twenty percent of the Little Rock Greenhouse Plant Sale will be moved to the Greenhouse Trust account.

Unfinished Business:

Little Rock Greenhouse : Ann will continue to talk with Chris Feild and Jody Jackson, the new chair, and report at the June meeting.

Retention: Randy reported that 4 of the 32 2018 ZOOM graduates failed to report their hours. From the entire 2018 membership, 9 people did not turn in hours.

Social Committee: 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 June 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.

New Business:

Social Committee: Cindy thanked Linda Mellburg and Karen Mauermann for the delightful Marlsgate Luncheon. The event was sold out.

The next event will be the New Member Reception in November, followed by the Holiday Party at the Clinton Library in December.

Travel: June 28- a car caravan, leaving the Second Presbyterian parking lot at 8am. Will go to the Memphis Botanical Gardens. General admission is \$10, \$8 for seniors. Lunch

will be in the Garden, on your own, followed by a floral decoration class taught by Julie Wilson. The cost for the flowers and materials is \$40.

Possible upcoming trips:

- 1.) Casscoe, AR for a hummingbird workshop with Tana Beasley on July 6 or August 3.
- 2.) Tour and Talk by Ruth Landers at the St. Joseph Orphanage Farm-date pending
- 3.) Bus trip to Crystal Bridges for Master Gardener Day-October 14
- 4.) Bo Brook Farms- grapes, pumpkins and sunflower growers- late September or October

Continuing Ed Committee: Michele reported that the Advanced training for May 31st is full.

Recruitment Committee: Michele reported that several potential members visited the general meeting last month and may attend today.

Bemis Bee Day, was April 27th. Attendance was low due to poor weather, and the number of classes being taught inside the facility, and competing events on the same day. Twenty- two people came by the booth, and 2 people were interested in MGs.

St. James Workday: The spring workday was Tuesday, April 23rd. Pam reported that 61 people signed up, and 33 showed up to work. The work as completed in 2-3 hours and the church was pleased with the results. Notes were taken to be reviewed for the fall workday. Catherine Chaumont may take back the oversight of the workdays.

State Conference: The one-day conference was held on April 29th, in Hope. Pulaski County had 52 attendees. All attendees were pleased with the one -day program and the pre- and post-tours that were offered.

PEST Committee: Joellen reported that BRI and the Hayes Center were visited. Both projects were doing well. The Hayes Center may alter their project to include more of the flower bed that they already maintain.

PNG Scholarships: A motion was made by Allen White and seconded to use 3 of the 10 scholarships to the PNG fall conference for 3 speakers that are scheduled to attend from Pulaski County. The motion passed. The conference is August 23-34, 2019.

Tee Shirts for new members: Carol Young moved to have the President's Tee shirts ordered in March and April each year, for the online class and other interested MG's. The motion was seconded and passed.

CARTI: Randy, Suzanne, Ann, Cindy, along with the new CARTI project members, planted 275 plants.

Maumelle Community Center: The project submitted an amendment to the scope of their project to include a new oval bed on the property. Joellen moved the acceptance. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.57

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young