

Pulaski County Master Gardeners Board Meeting June 18, 2019

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

President Suzanne Potts called the meeting to order at 10:00.

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

Pam Gadberry presented both bank statements. They were approved. Susan Stewart has agreed to help Sharon Gragg with her account. There was a discussion of the contributions to the Demo Garden. Randy will ask Kathy Ratcliffe to give an update on funding and the programs happening at the Garden at the September meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Little Rock MG Greenhouse: Ann Schweitzer is waiting on estimates on repairs to the fans and other items.

Social Committee: Sharon Priest talked with the Military Museum director and a \$50 gift card can be accepted. The request for 2 \$50 gift cards to be given to the musical group at upcoming Holiday Event at the Clinton Library, was approved, provided that the money is part of their submitted budget for the event. It can be listed as a speaker's fee, or as a miscellaneous expense.

New Business:

Project Report: Randy reported that the Heifer project chair and other project members are asking to have the project terminated. There have been some changes in personnel at Heifer, and the site is not being maintained adequately. The members have already identified the other projects they wish to join. Carol Mendel moved to terminate the agreement, the motion was seconded and passed.

Mentoring: Sharon P. sent a list of Mentors and Mentees to Suzanne and the Project Chairs who have the new members. She also emailed the mentees to ask if they were receiving the support they needed. The comments were positive. There will be a Chair /Co-Chair training event after the October General Meeting. Lunch will be served.

Continuing Ed /Recruitment: Michele reported that the advanced training went well. There was some discussion about having to use Heifer's caterer for lunch, but overall, that is a good venue for meetings. Michele will make sure the River Market booth has posters and other recruitment materials available. There is one interested person visiting the general meeting today.

Travel: Cindy reported on the June 28th car caravan, leaving the Second Presbyterian parking lot at 8 am. It 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.

On Saturday, August 17, 2019, a car caravan will leave Second Pres parking lot at 9am and travel to Cassoe, AR, for a program from 11 am - 2 pm. The topic is hummingbirds; and includes banding. Volunteers are needed to help release the birds. The program is indoors. Bring your own lunch and drink.

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

New Member Training Committee: They will meet in August to prepare for the Zoom Class in October. Forty-three people have expressed interest in the class.

Stuff Committee: The President's Tee shirts will be available for pick up in the hallway today.

CARTI: There will be a dedication and butterfly launch at the garden at 2pm today. The project has planted over 500 plants over the past several weeks

Randy presented a medical LOA for Sandy Harcrow-Bunting. Joellen moved to grant the leave, it was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young

