

Pulaski County Master Gardeners Board Meeting October 15, 2019

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

Guests: Sara Jordan-potential secretary

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

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

Pam Gadberry presented both bank statements. They were approved

Old Business:

Little Rock MG Greenhouse: The motion to vote on this was tabled, and Suzanne will ask a representative from this project to come to the November board meeting to explain their plan, and request funds.

New Business:

Project Report: Sharon and several other MG's will meet with Little Rock Parks and Rec employees, Mark Webre, and John Eckhart on Friday, to talk about future of the War Memorial Project.

Twenty-two projects asked for new members and there are 21 people in the fall ZOOM training. The online class will finish by February or March and can fill in some of the spots. Sharon is compiling a new master list of project chairs and co-chairs. There are 60 people attending the Project Chair/ Standing Committee training today.

Continuing Ed /Recruitment: Michele reported that the Continuing Ed committee still needs new Chair. The recruitment table at River Valley Horticulture's Fall Event on Saturday, October 12th was visited by 59 people, 5 were interested in joining MG's. Another 5 people were emailed by Michele to visit today's meeting.

Travel: On November 16, there is a free event with Chris Olsen at Botanica from 9:30-10:30. Then from 10:30-11:30, a decorator will lead a class on building a holiday decoration. The cost for the 10:30 class is \$45. RSVP to Cherith Beck by November 7th.

Social Committee: The next event will be the New Member Reception, November 19th, with a sheet cake for the sweets, and savory finger foods, brought by members A-M. There will be a photo station for the new members. The Holiday Luncheon will begin at 11:30 at the Clinton Library Great Hall on December 6th.

Online Reporting: Please get your hours in early.

PEST Committee: JoEllen reported that all projects in the three-year cycle have been visited except for 2. The Hort. Hotline is TBA, but River Market will be visited on October 29. There was a thorough visit at the Demo Garden and everything is going well.

St James Workday: Catherine Chalmont is returning to chair this event. It will be Tuesday, October 22, with the 29th as a rain date.

Budget Presentation: Pam presented the 2020 budget. Susan suggested purchasing two new computers, dedicated to the Treasurer's duties. Pam will research and submit a report to the board in November.

Awards: Nominee Forms are due on October 29th. Send them electronically to Carol Mendel. A discussion of a sign or banner that the winners could have at their projects was tabled until a future board meeting.

Memorial: There was a discussion about how to remember Walter Jennings, a past president. Allen will research a table to match a bench at the Cammack project, and report at the November meeting.

Patricia Scott was approved as a transfer from Washington County.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young

