

## **Pulaski County Master Gardener Board Meeting**

### **January 21, 2020**

Members Present: Sharon Priest, Randy Forst, Michelle Wasson, Jodie Mahony, Susanne Potts, Pam Gadberry, Cindy Strauss, Ann Schweitzer, Carol Mendel, Deena Montgomery, Susan Stewart and Sara Jordan.

President Sharon Priest called the meeting to order at 10:04.

The minutes from the November Board and General Meetings were approved

Pam Gadberry presented both bank statements. They were approved.

### **Old Business:**

**New computers:** New laptop computers for Pam and Susan were discussed. Sharon made the motion for purchasing two new laptops. They will belong to PCMG and be passed to succeeding treasurers. Michele seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**January Online Training:** 14 people will be completing the class.

**Awards:** Carol reported Ham nominee Marilyn Mason from Little Rock Greenhouse has been elected Friend of Master Gardener and the Old Mill will receive Project of the Year.

### **New Business:**

**January Online Training:** Cindy reported 14 people will be completing the current Online Training. Randy is encouraging projects receiving new members to have mentors in place before they arrive.

**Continuing Education Committee:** Has not met as of January 21.

**Recruitment:** Michele reported PCMG will have a recruitment table March 14 at Laman Library's Garden Fest.

### **Social Committee:**

**Budget for MG Picnic:** Carol made a motion to amend the budget to approve \$3600 to the Social Committee for a PCMG Appreciation Picnic. This will be an MG only picnic. No guests are to attend. It will be free of charge to attending Master Gardeners. Cindy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Projects:** Cindy shared all projects have been contacted to verify work days, chair and co-chair information and the need for new members. All but Cammack and War Memorial have responded. So far of the responding 28 projects, the number requesting new members is 19. There are only 14 people in the new class.

**PEST Committee:** Suzanne reported Kathy Ratcliff, Patty Womble, Dana Boyster and Jane Gulley will be rotating off. The members will be Suzanne Potts (chair), Sharon Priest, Cindy Strauss, Carol Mendel, Joellen Beard, Nancy Kirsch and Randy Forst.

**Busy Bee Committee:** Deanna reported the committee has divided into 3 teams; Sales, Replacement and Dremel. They are considering alternate methods of attaching Bees to Name Badges in the future. We were reminded members must work double their required project hours to earn a bee. Existing members must work 40 hours and new members would have to work 80 hours.

**Speaker Committee:** Jodi listed Jane Gulley as speaker for the January 21 meeting. Future speakers will include Christina from River Valley, a representative from the Game and Fish Commission and a representative from the Department of Arkansas Heritage. Cindy suggested contacting Garvin Gardens to request the lady who speaks in character as Mrs. Garvin.

**Public Education Programs:** Board members recognize the need for providing education to the public but are not certain of the best way to approach the problem at this time. It was agreed to keep the issue on the agenda throughout the year with the intent of having a solution by years end.

Ways for members who cannot attend general meeting to get education hours were discussed. Zoom, garden tours, books and articles were mentioned.

Randy informed the board Jo Jones is returning to the PCMG and would like to rejoin Curran Hall. Ann made the motion to accept her, it was seconded by Michele. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Jordan