

Pulaski County Master Gardner Board Meeting Via Zoom

April 21, 2020

Members Present: Sharon Priest, Randy Forst, Susanne Potts, Michele Wasson, Cindy Strauss, Carol Mendel, Deeanna Montgomery, Pam Gadberry, Susan Stewart and Sara Jordan.

President Sharon Priest called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Minutes: February Board and General Meetings were presented. The spelling of Hilde Simmons name was corrected. The minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Pam reported a low volume of financial activity resulting from members being unable to work on PGMG projects. With regard to the Bank of the Ozarks statement, a shortfall in dues collection was pointed out. Susan shared receiving almost \$1000 by mail making the dues deficit a little more than \$1000 to date. Pam explained that most of the Postage-Supplies expenditure was for the Treasurer's new computers. The Treasurer's report was approved.

New Business:

How to move forward with General Meetings during the Covid-19 Pandemic was discussed. It was decided to plan Zoom meetings for May 19 and June 16 on regular meeting days and times. Randy will work with the state extension office to determine how best to handle a large number of attendees and share his findings with the board. Recording the meeting to be accessed at a later time was requested for those unable to attend a zoom session. Randy will be speaker for the May meeting. The speaker for June will be determined after evaluating the success of May's meeting.

Board meetings will be via Zoom scheduled for 10:00 a.m. May 19 and June 16.

The ability for projects to be open to volunteers varies from project to project making it difficult to accrue required work hours. Concern was expressed for the Old Mill and Carti projects as they have been completely closed by their hosts. Randy reported that current work hour requirements will be cut in half from 20 to 10 hours. Education hours will remain at 20 for all. New Member work hour requirements will be 20 instead of 40. Future circumstances could necessitate a revision of these requirements.

How to handle Busy Bees is tabled until a future undetermined date.

Changing Janet Carson's status from Honorary MG Member to Pulaski Co. Lifetime Member was discussed. Randy will research the details.

Randy will contact St. James about the possibility of having General PGMG meetings at the church in July and August, if circumstances allow group meetings.

The meeting was timed out at 10:34, resumed at 11:02 and adjourned at 11:25.

Respectfully Submitted.

Sara Jordan, Secretary