

Pulaski County Master Gardener

Board Meeting via Zoom

June 16, 2020

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

President Sharon Priest called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes: May Board and General Meeting minutes were presented and approved.

Treasurers Report: Pam presented both bank statements. Dues are still coming in. As of June 16 there were 53 members with outstanding dues. A motion to accept the statements as presented was made and approved.

Susan shared her research into providing an online method and/or usage of the Square for transactions including dues payments, t-shirt purchases etc. Discussion included which account monies would be deposited, costs, user fees, number of Square devices to be purchased and who would be responsible for storing the devices. A decision on the matter was postponed until the September meeting.

Unfinished Business:

The Public Education Program has been tabled until September.

History Committee – recruiting for a chair was postponed until the fall.

New Business:

Projects: Cindy reported that all chairs have been requested to submit a plan of action regarding Covid safety for their project.

The Farmers Market project will not be allowed to open this year. Cindy sent a letter to all chairs asking if their project would be able to include people from other projects allowing them to get their hours. A number of projects have responded positively.

Issues regarding plant viability from the Little Rock Greenhouse were discussed. Recommendations were to implement a fertilizing schedule, using plugs rather than starting plants from seed and installing a misting system. Randy will contact local growers to determine the financial feasibility of purchasing plugs. The PEST committee will discuss the issue and recommendations with Greenhouse Chairs.

The County Extension Office requested funding to cover an overage of \$148.21 plus an additional \$147.75 to purchase mulch. Pam made a motion to fund the overage and the additional cost of mulch. Cindy seconded. The motion passed.

Standing Committees: Carol reported due to uncertainty during the Covid Pandemic the Continuing Education Committee has rescheduled their Tree Seminar for April, 2021.

PEST: Susanne presented funding issues the State Hospital Project has with their host. Lack of a firm written agreement and frequent administrative changes bring into question viability of the project. It was decided to revisit the issue in 6 months.

Due to lack of time, Speakers, Future Meetings and Zoom Training were postponed until the next meeting.

LOA's and Special Requests: Leave of Absence for Sharon Gragg was requested and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Jordan