

Pulaski County Master Gardener

Board Meeting via Zoom

November 17, 2020

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

Welcome: President Sharon Priest called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Minutes: October Board and General Minutes were reviewed. Jodi Mahony made a motion to accept the minutes. Michele Wasson seconded. The minutes were approved.

Guest Presenters: Ann Owens and Debbie Milam presented the Dunbar Community Garden as a new sanctioned project. Emphasis would be on two beds dedicated as Monarch Way Stations located at the entrance of the garden. A question and answer session between the board and presenters followed. After a board discussion, Sharon recommended tabling the request until January.

Treasurer Report: Pam Gadberry presented both bank statements. \$2,500 not reflected on the statements has been paid to Hocutts Garden Center for work on the Little Rock Greenhouse. The Bank OZK and Bank of America 2021 budgets were presented and will remain largely the same as 2020 budget. Carol Mendel made the motion approve both statements and budgets. The motion was approved.

Projects: Cindy Strauss is in the process of compiling the 2021 list of Chair and Co-Chairs. A list of projects needing new members for 2021 has been completed. As of November 17, no one has volunteered to chair the River Market Project. An email will be sent to the membership requesting volunteers. There will a training session for new Chair and Co-Chairs after the first of the year.

Standing Committees: Carol Mendel reported plans for a Christmas program are being made. The History Committee is active. Jane Gulley will be presenting a History Moment for the general meeting.

Pest: Suzanne Potts shared all scheduled project visitations will be completed for 2020. The committee will resume visitations again in April 2021.

Speakers: Jodi Mahony will be searching for zoom presenters for 2021.

Busy Bees: Deeanna Montgomery shared Busy Bee awards for 2019 and the number of Bees in inventory for the future.

LOA's and Special Requests: Susan Fitzsimmons, a member in good standing, was granted an extended Leave of Absence.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Jordan, Secretary