

Pulaski County Master Gardener

Board Meeting Via Zoom

December 8, 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 and Randy Forst.

Welcome: Board President, Sharon Priest called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Minutes: November Board and General Minutes were reviewed. Jodi Mahony moved to approve the minutes. Michele Wasson seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: As no bank statements or reports from the Extension Office have been received, there are no changes since the November report.

New Business: Randy Forst shared the difficulties of managing a 553-member Master Gardener Program. The Pulaski County program is currently three times larger than any other program in the state. As it is within his purview, Randy ask the board to consider capping membership at 600. Following a discussion, Carol Mendel moved a cap of 600 members be accepted. Ann Schweitzer seconded. The motion was approved.

Sharon Priest proposed a Lifetime Membership for Beth Phelps who will be retiring January 15, 2021. Carol Mendel moved to accept the proposal. Cindy Strauss seconded. The proposal passed.

Projects: Cindy Strauss reported the struggling River Market Project has had members volunteer to transfer to the project. Someone has volunteered to serve as chair and there is a potential co-chair. The project is expected to remain viable.

Thirteen of Twenty-eight people have completed the online class. Their project selection list has been received. Project placement is underway.

Standing Committees: Carol Mendel reported no new information from the standing committees.

Speakers: Jodi Mahony reported the search for 2021 General Meeting speakers will begin soon.

Pest: Suzanne Potts shared Family Home and State Extension Service were recently visited. Both projects are doing well. The committee will reconvene in March or April 2021.

Leave of Absence: Sharon Priest presented requests for Leave of Absence for 2020 by Peggy Trokey, Anne Crow and Lu Smith. Pat Ferguson requested leave for 2021. All are members are in good standing. Deeanna Montgomery made a motion to approve leave for all four members. Michele Wasson seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Jordan, Secretary