

**Pulaski County Master Gardener**  
**Executive Board Meeting via Zoom**  
**January 19, 2010**

**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:** The minutes from the December Board and General meeting were reviewed. Cindy Strauss made a motion to approve, Jodi Mahony seconded. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pam Gadberry presented both bank statements. Susan Stewart reported over 90 members have paid 2021 dues. Membership cards will be mailed when card become available from the state office. Carol Mendel made a motion to accept the financial report. Jody Mahony seconded. They were approved.

**Guest Presenters:** Terri Bonner and Theresa Crowson presented a new project located at Children's Hospital currently referred to as Children's Way Landscape Project. This will replace the Contemplation Garden that went away during extensive renovation of the Arts Center. Following discussion, Jodi Mahony made a motion to accept. Cindy Strauss seconded. The project was approved.

**New Business:**

**Sanctioned Hours:** Carol Mendel made a motion to continue 2020 sanctioned hours, 10 project hrs. and 20 education hrs., into 2021. After discussion, a vote was taken approving the approving the motion.

**Busy Bees:** Busy Bee awards were cancelled in 2020 due to COVID. It was decided to reinstate them for 2021. The requirement to receive a bee will continue to be 40 hrs. work for a member on an assigned sanctioned project and 60 hrs. work for a new member on an assigned sanctioned project.

**Project Reports:**

**Projects:** Cindy Strauss reported 26 of 28 people who began the fall class have completed it. Chair and co-chairs have been notified of new placements.

**Busy Bees:** Deeanna Montgomery requested a laptop be designated for Busy Bee documentation as well as a co-chair who would assume the project chairmanship when she leaves. Randy said a new computer for Master Gardeners will be available soon. Busy Bee documentation can be stored there. Deanna will choose a co-chair from her project to assist her.

**Standing Committees:** Carol Mendel had no new committee information.

**PEST:** Suzanne Potts reported PEST will begin work in March.

**Speakers:** Jody Mahony said January 19 General Meeting speaker will be Rachel Elmakiss from Cantrell Gardens.

**Transfers:** Celeste Wheeler from Sebastian County requested a transfer to Pulaski County. It was approved.

**Leave of Absence:** Sandra Haden requested a leave for 2021. It was approved.

**Name Change:** Family Home requested a name change to Serenity. Jody Mahony made a motion to accept the change. Carol Mendel seconded. The motion was approved.

Sharon shared that she and Ann Schweitzer are continuing to work with Little Rock School District representatives regarding a potential community outreach project at Mablevale Middle School.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Jordan