

**Pulaski County Master Gardener General Meeting
February 20, 2018
St. James United Methodist Church**

President Joellen Beard opened the meeting at 11:30am and reminded the members of the Continuing Ed Program to be held at 1pm at the state Extension office. She also welcomed visitors from other counties who were present for the meeting.

Dues for 2018 are being collected at a table in the hallway.

Past President, Kathy Ratcliffe was presented crystal paperweight in appreciation for her service.

Paul Nolte presented an update on the armgs.org website. He explained that the directory and all project information are now on the site. There is a calendar of events, and meeting presentations are able to be seen as well. Also, all history from 1988, and all newsletters since 1990 are archived there. The membership will receive an email from Katie Reddick with instructions on logging in to the site.

Paul then introduced Kitty Sanders, the butterfly mentor at Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks, who presented a program on native butterflies. She is also the speaker for the Continuing Education program in the afternoon.

Announcements:

Travel Committee chairs, Cherith Beck and Susan Reasoner announced a trip to Garvan Gardens to see the tulips on Friday, March 23rd. Meet at the commuter parking lot at Shackelford and I-630, at 9:30am. The cost is \$15.00. Rain date is Friday the 30th.

Cindy Franklin reported that there is a committee to post pictures on Facebook. Each project has a page.

Mary Helen Henry presented the total number of volunteer hours worked in 2017: 23,767.75. At \$24.14/hour, that amounts to \$ 573,753.00

Sharon Priest offered a free registration to the afternoon continuing ed. Program.

Joellen reported Debbie Mickle still has openings for volunteers for the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show, March 2-4.

Carol Young announced the Drawdown Conference- How to Reduce Global Warming, at Second Presbyterian Church, on March 24th. Cost is \$15.00.

Ramblings from Randy: The online reporting system will be available soon.

A new system for the door prizes was introduced. Each person has a number on the sign-in sheets, and random numbers were called out.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young
Secretary