

**Pulaski County Master Gardener General Meeting  
September 18, 2018  
St. James United Methodist Church**

President Joellen Beard opened the meeting at 11:29 am.

Joellen introduced Laurie Williams, from the Memphis Botanic Gardens. who spoke on "Horticultural Therapy".

**Announcements:**

Kathy Ratcliffe had a verbal report and a power point presentation on the Demonstration Garden. The irrigation system pipes are in, French drains and a swale have been installed. Landscape fabric has been put down in the first planting area, and one of the first 15 cedar raised beds has been completed. In the future, there will be 32 beds, a garden house, fencing and bee houses.

Joellen reminded those who have not yet paid their 2018 dues, to please give your \$30 checks to Randy.

Carol Young gave an overview of the Awards nomination system for this year. Our county winners will be submitted to the state for awards given out at the state convention in April 2019. The deadline is October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Joellen announced that Paul Nolte is having 100 printed copies of the 2018-19 photo directory printed. They will be available at the October meeting for \$5.00.

Cherith Beck and Susan Reasoner announced the Travel Committee's next three trips. On September 25<sup>th</sup> will be a trip to the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks. The cost is \$7. On November 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a trip to the Dickson Gardens in Memphis, the cost is \$7. And on December 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be a trip to Garvan Gardens to hear a musical presentation in the Anthony Chapel. The cost is \$35. All trips will be carpool caravans, departing from the Second Presbyterian Church parking lot. Check your emails for deadlines and times.

The Pulaski County birthday celebration, on October 5<sup>th</sup> begins at 11:30 at the 4-H Center. If you wish to make a personal donation to the Janet Carson Endowment

Fund, you may make it that day. Janet will be in attendance to receive our contributions.

For the state-wide Celebration at Moss Mountain, on October 13<sup>th</sup> we have rented a bus. We will leave the St. James parking lot at 11:30, and return at 1:30. The cost is \$27.00. If you don't ride the bus, please carpool.

Catherine Chaumont announced the fall cleanup at St. James will be October 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the parking lot. All materials will be provided.

The Stuff Committee is selling items, and taking orders in the hallway today.

Joellen announced a program at the Clinton Center, at noon on October 11<sup>th</sup>, Dwayne Estes will be the speaker.

Susie Green announced that November 13<sup>th</sup> will be the New Member Reception. Member with last names A-O bring savory items and P-Z bring sweets. Please bring your items on a disposable tray.

### **Ramblings from Randy**

Please record your hours so Randy can use the numbers for his presentation to the Quorum court, Tuesday, September 25, at 6pm. Members are invited to attend.

There are 30 people in the Fall Zoom Training Class. There will be another online training starting January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The last session graduated 32 new MG's.

Randy is expecting 130 lambs this season, and has 5 new calves.

Joellen explained the new door prize system, and several were given out.

Meeting adjourned at 12:53 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young, Secretary