

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners Board Meeting
September 17, 2019**

Members Present: Pam Gadberry, Suzanne Potts, Randy Forst, Ann Schweitzer, Michele Wasson, Cindy Strauss, Allen White, Carol Mendel, Sharon Priest and Carol Young.

Guests: Jody Jackson, Pat Freeman, Deanna Montgomery, Jodie Mahony

President Suzanne Potts called the meeting to order at 10:00.

Little Rock MG Greenhouse: Jody Jackson and Pat Freeman presented a report on the Little Rock Master Garden Greenhouse. A total renovation would cost over \$19,000. The project's host, the State Hospital, is not in a position to help financially. One issue to consider is that the State Hospital and/or UAMS may need that property in the next few years. There are some other possible locations to be considered. Also, there are some repairs and improvements that could be made for around \$5000, to buy some time.

Ann Schweitzer will also work with the Greenhouse group to decide how to mesh a community plant sale with the project's semi-annual sales.

The minutes from the June Board and General Meetings were approved.

Pam Gadberry presented both bank statements. They were approved. Randy gave a brief description of the difference in the Depository (B of A), account and the private (B of OZK) account.

New Business:

Project Report: Sharon reported there will be a Project Chair/ Co-Chair and Standing Committee Chairs training event after the October 15th General Meeting. Lunch will be served. She also reported that several project members wish to change projects, and several projects need more members. Sharon's new email is: priestsharon931@gmail.com. Randy added that there were 21 people paid for the fall ZOOM training.

Continuing Ed /Recruitment: Michele reported that the Continuing Ed committee needs new Chair. Randy did a presentation on herb gardening for a small group, that may yield some potential members. There will be a recruitment table at River Valley Horticulture's Fall Event on Saturday, October 12th.

Travel: Cindy reported that a trip to Bo Brook Farms will be immediately following the meeting today.

Master Gardener's Appreciation Day is October 14 at Crystal Bridges.

In November, an event is possible with either Chris Olsen or a decorator from Cabbage Rose instructing on how to build a door or table decoration.

Proposed For 2020:

A February trip to Cassoe, AR, for a program on bluebirds and building bird houses.

March 29-30 A trip to Memphis for their MG Spring Fling-two days of lectures and a trade show.

April 10-12: Reschedule of this spring's rainout of the Stoneridge Japanese Gardens

May 1-2: Mountain View Iris Festival, tours and an arts and crafts sale

June 17: Fayetteville home garden tour, "Through the Garden Gate"

Social Committee: The next event will be the New Member Reception, November 19 th, followed by the Holiday Party at the Clinton Library in December.

PEST Committee: Suzanne reported for JoEllen who was out of town. All projects in the three-year cycle have been visited except for 2. The cycle will begin again in 2020, keeping the same order. Last week, the Old State House was visited and was in great shape, but War Memorial is not. Due to the changes in the golf course, and the lack of support, Ann moved to discontinue the project after December, and give the 6 members priority in choosing a new project. The motion was seconded and passed.

Randy reported that the State Extension office is extending the number of beds for which the MG's are responsible. The Fairgrounds may change to a 4 X a year project, to spruce up for special events. Arlene Sevilla-White may take over as Chair.

St James Workday: Catherine Chalmont is returning to chair this event. It will be Tuesday, October 22, with the 29th as a rain date.

Scholarships: Carol Mendel moved that 2 full scholarships be offered for any training program per year, with the applicant agreeing to fulfill the work requirement for the

first year, or repay the full amount of the training. It was seconded and passed. It will be a line item in next year's budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young