

Pulaski County Master Gardeners

General Meeting via Zoom

January 19, 2021

Welcome: President Sharon Priest welcomed members at 11:36 a.m.

A Moment in History: Jane Gulley reported the history of our newsletter and other major events. A description of how it began as Master Minutes in April 1990 and later becoming The Magnolia Chronicle, in January 2017 was given. Magnolia, signifying dignity and strength. Chronicle, a description of past or future events.

Speaker: Jodi Mahony introduced the speaker, Rachel Elmakiss from Cantrell Gardens. Rachel shared information about selecting and caring for various types of houseplants.

New Project Presentation: Terri Bonner and Theresa Crowson explained a proposal to begin a new project at Arkansas Children's Hospital replacing the Contemplation Garden project previously located at the Arts Center. The new project is currently called Children's Way Landscape Project. A virtual poll was taken. The general membership approved the project.

Announcements: Dues of \$20, check only, are to be mailed to Susan Stewart before the end of April. Beginning May 1 dues will increase to \$30. Membership cards will be mailed when they have been received from the state office.

Due to COVID uncertainty, the PCMG Board decided volunteer hours will remain the same for 2021 as 2020. Requirements will be 10 hours on assigned sanctioned project and 20 education hours.

Busy Bee awards will be reinstated for 2021. The requirements are 40 hours or more on a member sanctioned project. A new member would need assigned sanctioned project 20 hours (cut in half from forty due to COVID) plus the extra 40 or more hours to qualify for a Busy Bee.

Pulaski County Master Gardener membership has been capped at 600.

Ramblings with Randy: New members were welcomed.

Master Gardener masks are still available for \$6 at the extension office. The exact amount only.

Randy explained that demographic information asked when members sign up for online education programs is tied to funding. It is not required information but is useful.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Jordan, Secretary

