

Pulaski County Master Gardeners

Executive Board Meeting

March 15, 2022

Members Present: Cindy Strauss, Randy Forst, Carol Mendel, Sara Jordan, Pam Gadberry, Susan Stewart, Sharon Priest, Jan Brandeburg, Blanca Hernandez, Pam Abrams, Nancy Archer and Deena Montgomery.

Welcome: President Cincy Strauss called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Minutes: Minutes of the February 15, 2022, Executive Board and General Meetings were presented by Board Secretary Deena Montgomery. There were no corrections. Sharon Priest moved to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Jan Brandeburg. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Pam Gadberry gave the treasurer's report. The County 76 donation has been paid. The Demo Garden Project has received various gifts of funds for the garden. Carol Mendel made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, and Sara Jordan seconded. Pam announced that she will be passing the signup sheet for MG workday at St. James on April 20, 2022.

Old Business: Cindy announced that Paul Nolte will investigate the cost of printing copies of the PCMG directory.

New Business: Carol Mendel reported that she is sending letters from the board regarding the hiring of a new state coordinator. The letter will emphasize that the new coordinator needs to consider giving priority to support for the master gardener state program. Randy suggests that she use the master gardener logo and furnish copies to Randy and the district director. A motion was made by Sharon Priest, and Pam Gadberry seconded.

Randy voiced the concern of some working members to keep the hybrid meetings to the end of the year. Board agreed that this is practical. We decided that door prizes will be started up again for members attending meetings in person.

Projects: Cindy praised the recent chair and co-chair training session held by First Vice President Carol Mendel. There was a good exchange of information regarding making projects successful.

Standing Committees: Sara Jordan reports that she and Carol will be meeting this morning with the social committee members. They need a chair and need to plan events for the year including a fall event. The continuing education committee is currently holding classes for plant labeling instructions for project members. The Demo Garden Project is planning 4H Fallfest event in September 2022, and they will need the help of the social committee.

PEST: Sharon Priest informed us that she has contacted the PEST committee regarding projects that will be reviewed this year. The committee plans to do two reviews per month beginning in April and continuing through September.

Speakers: Jan Brandeburg described today's speaker from Central Arkansas Master Naturalists. Topic is native plants and the program for naturalists to give advice directly to gardeners. April program will be presented by the new 4-H agent. The speakers are planned for the remainder of the year including focus on three master gardener projects.

Labels: Blanca Hernandez announced that training for the new label makers has been set and members are signing up from each project.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deeana Montgomery

Secretary