

Pulaski County Master Gardeners

Executive Board Meeting

April 19, 2022

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

Welcome: President Cindy Strauss called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes: Minutes of the March 15, 2022, Executive Board Meeting and General Hybrid Meeting were presented by Board Secretary Deena Montgomery. There were no corrections. Carol Mendel moved to accept the minutes, and Sharon Priest seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Pam Gadberry presented the treasurers report. She reminded that on May 1, 2022, dues will increase to \$30. Sharon Priest moved that we accept the treasurers report, and Nancy Archer seconded. The motion was approved.

Old Business: Cindy addressed the previous proposal to print PCMG directories for the membership. A decision was made to update directory yearly. Information was shared that 250 directories costs \$1043. Also, 500 directories could be printed at a cost of \$1936.45. The cost would be \$3.87 each. Sharon Priest moved that we print 500 total but charge members \$1. Nancy Archer seconded. The motion was approved.

Pam Gadberry suggested that we have member Paul Nolte prepare a program on use of the MG website for members. Pam Abrams offered that it could possibly be held at or following the January general meeting.

The online reporting system is still being developed per Randy Forst. Carol Mendel suggested that paper forms be made available to members for logging hours.

New Business: Cindy stated that we have sent \$200 check for the upcoming State Master Gardener Conference awards in May. A silent auction donation of a basket with value of \$200 will be taken by Cindy and Carol.

Carol Mendel reported that most projects are doing well. She asked Nancy Archer to present a summary of the problems on the CARTI project. The project consists of the rooftop garden and is a portion of the overall landscaping at the site. The project has not been able to work for two years pending approval by CARTI, who suggests that they require the garden space to be redesigned and subject to CARTI specifications. CARTI voiced appreciation for past service. Decision was made for PCMG president to notify CARTI by letter that this will no longer be a PCMG project. Members may seek other project placements. Nancy moved to eliminate the CARTI project. All board members seconded. The motion was approved.

Sara Jordan reported on Standing Committees. She presented a proposal by Susie Green and the Social Committee to hold an event at St. Joseph Center, North Little Rock, on June 9 or June 16. The date of the 16th was selected. The event could include catered picnic lunch, farm tour, and shopping at the Farmstand. It might also feature a table decorating contest and homemade dessert cart. Expenses are expected to be \$15 for catered lunch and \$5 for tour to be paid by PCMG and free to members. Minimum number needed is 200. Paul Nolte could prepare a sign-up sheet. Decision was made to use OZK account for social events. Discussion by board suggested approval of contest but not requiring members to make food. Sara Jordan made a motion to approve the member appreciation event at St Joseph June 16 with table decorating contest and tours with details to be worked out with social committee. Carol Mendel seconded. The motion was approved.

Sharon Priest offered that PEST committee toured Old State House and Pulaski County Cooperative Extension projects. Sharon Priest noted that at PCCE there is no signed host agreement and asks if we should consider this requirement. Randy cautions that too many demands could jeopardize the project and also the office location. The group can prepare a list of needs and ask for help from maintenance. There are drainage and sidewalk problems as well as other issues.

Pam Abrams and Jan Brandeburg presented information concerning upcoming speakers. Payments to speakers was discussed, as PCMG cannot donate or do honorariums. Petty cash from dues will be used to compensate upcoming speakers as needed by honorarium using gift card or cash. Cindy will take care of the \$150 fee charged by previous speaker Janet Lanza from Arkansas Master Naturalists. The speakers are scheduled for remainder of year including features on PCMG projects.

Pam Gadberry gave an update on the PCMG St James Methodist Church workday. Due to weather prediction the workday will be rescheduled to today at 1:30 p.m. Announcement will be made today in general meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deeana Montgomery

Secretary

