

# Pulaski County Master Gardeners

## Executive Board Meeting

May 17, 2022

Members Present: Randy Forst, Cindy Strauss, Carol Mendel, Sara Jordan, Susan Stewart, Jill Bloom, Sharon Priest, Nancy Abrams, Blanca Hernandez, and Deeana Montgomery. Those absent were Pam Gadberry, Pam Abrams, and Jan Brandeburg.

Welcome: President Cindy Strauss opened the meeting by introducing Jill Bloom, who will be taking over the Assistant Treasurer position from Susan Stewart as she is moving. Carol Mendel commented how pleased the board is to have Jill in this position.

Minutes: Minutes of the April 19, 2022, executive board meeting were presented by Secretary Deeana Montgomery. She noted the misspelling of Paul Nolte's name had been overlooked and will be corrected. No other corrections were noted. Carol Mendel moved to accept the minutes; Sara Jordan seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: There is no formal treasurer's report. Assistant Treasurer Susan Stewart offered that 102 members have not yet paid yearly dues.

Standing Committees: Vice President Sara Jordan reported that the Standing Education Committee has a seminar planned about the trees of Arkansas for September 29, 2022. Because they are an item in our budget the board needs to approve. Sara passed out the plans and estimates. They will cover the costs with charge of \$15 each with limit of 100 people. Randy Forst commented that registration must come through the office with checks made to Pulaski County Extension. The check will be the reservation. Cash can be accepted and used for gift cards. Sharon Priest moved that we accept the seminar plan; Blanca Hernandez seconded. The motion passed.

The Travel Committee has plans for interesting short trips this year and longer ones in future. Chair will be Jo Anne Jennings and co-chair Sharon Holman.

The Social Committee under chair Betty Raley is planning a Spring Social for members at St. Joseph Center on June 16, 2022. Sara will be working with committee to make plans.

Deeana Montgomery, acting chair of the Busy Bee Committee, commented that the chair position will pass soon to member Jacque Ault. She asked for any comments or questions on the new methods instituted this year for Busy Bee Award recognition and distribution. The board did not have any problems to report.

Old Business: The printed 2022 directories are here and available today for \$1.00.

The online reporting system is now available for members to report hours. An instructional zoom meeting was available yesterday for members, and training will be held in person after the general meeting today.

Cindy announced that there is a letter of May 17, 2022, terminating the CARTI Project signed by Cindy and Randy. A copy was provided for the board members to read.

**New Business:** Member-At-Large Blanca Hernandez provided information about PCMG plant labeling process for the projects. She said that the State office is capable of printing professional labels for us at a cheaper price than the current method of each project doing their own with purchased materials. It would only require common and botanical name lists emailed to State. Future labels could furnish QR codes for information from a prepared bank. Carol Mendel suggests we inform Continuing Education Committee that this method will be available in addition to current method. Sharon Priest made a motion that we proceed with this method; Nancy Archer seconded. The motion passed.

**Projects:** Vice President Carol Mendel said that former CARTI project members have been relocated. The River Market Project needs new members. In order for member to change projects, the program encourages spending one year on an assigned project and following procedures in October of the calendar year to switch projects.

PEST Committee chair Sharon Priest gave a good report of visiting HAM and Arkansas Childrens Hospital Projects. After the project reviews the PEST chair provides Randy a report for the master files.

There are no leave of absence requests.

President Cindy Strauss presented outgoing Assistant Treasurer Susan Stewart a gift on behalf of the board for her service to PCMG.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deeana Montgomery

Secretary

