

Pulaski County Master Gardeners

Executive Board Meeting

May 16, 2023

Members Present: The board members present were Carol Mendel, Derek Reed, Sara Jordan, Pam Abrams, Cindy Strauss, Pam Gadberry, Arlene Sevilla-White, Nancy Archer, Blanca Hernandez, Susan Rose, Melody Parsley, and Deena Montgomery.

Welcome: Carol Mendel welcomed all to the May board meeting at 10:00 a.m. She welcomed Melody Parsley as replacement for Jan Brandeburg in the Board-At-Large position.

Minutes: Minutes of the April 18, 2023, Board and General Meetings were presented by Secretary Deena Montgomery. Cindy Strauss moved that we accept the minutes, and Pam Gadberry seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Pam Gadberry presented the report. She outlined the earnings including the greenhouse project sales. A greenhouse trust account will be discussed at the June board meeting.

Assistant Treasurer Arlene Sevilla-White gave a report. We discussed the number of members who have not yet paid annual dues. Sara Jordan moved that the treasurer reports be accepted, and Susan Rose seconded. The motion passed.

Old Business: In the general meeting today members present will vote by paper ballot on two new projects at St Joseph's Farm and at the County Juvenile Detention Center.

Free t-shirts have been ordered, and they will be distributed at the June general meeting to those who have signed up. So far 325 shirts have been requested, and extras have been ordered.

New Business: Blanca Hernandez presented information about the continuing education hydroponics workshop scheduled for July 13, 2023, in the Pulaski County State Office conference room. The proposed budget total is \$1,067.04. The conference will offer two speakers, hydroponic systems, door prizes, and snacks. Master gardeners may sign up now through the June 20, 2023, general meeting. After this date the conference will be open to the public if space is available. The board discussed the budget for the workshop including the charge for participants. Pam Abrams moved that the charge for the conference would be \$15 and that the budget presented be approved. Cindy Strauss seconded. The motion passed. Blanca will present information about the workshop at the June general meeting.

Plans for the June 20, 2023, general meeting were discussed. In addition to the presentation of the workshop, this short meeting before summer break will include distribution of t-shirts and presentation of service awards. Carol suggested that the Social Committee offer refreshments for the membership.

Reports:

Projects: Sara Jordan reported that the projects are doing well.

Committees: Pam Abrams reported that the travel committee will post pictures of the recent trip to Subiaco. A May 24, 2023, trip will be offered at today's meeting.

Pam will meet with the social committee to arrange refreshments for the June general meeting. Free t-shirts will be available at the June general meeting; after this date they will be distributed by projects.

Cindy Strauss reported on the Pest Committee visits to Mount Holly Cemetery, Curran Hall, and the Courthouse Rose Garden.

Member-At-Large reports included Susan Rose's outline of upcoming programs. Blanca will present workshop information at the June meeting.

Carol reported that a chair for Busy Bee Committee is still needed. She will hold a meeting to discuss the committee and invite the following members to attend: Sara Jordan, Arlene Sevilla-White, Deena Montgomery, Valerie Boyce, and Janet Poole.

Carol explained that the speaker today, Rand Retzloff, will have plants to give away and a plant sale at his home for the members.

Report from Derek: Derek spoke about the fall training sessions. He proposed that tours of projects could be offered during the break in classes. New member procedures will be discussed at the June Board meeting. There will be a vetting process for applicants.

Nancy Abrams moved that the meeting be adjourned; Melody Parsley seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deena Montgomery

Board Secretary

