

Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting

November 15, 2022

Hybrid Meeting

Welcome: President Cindy Strauss called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

The first order of business for the general membership was voting on the 2023 Executive Board and annual awards.

The nominations for the executive board were presented by Sharon Priest:

President	Carol Mendel
First VP	Sara Jordan
Second VP	Pam Abrams
Past President	Cindy Strauss
Secretary	Deeana Montgomery
Treasurer	Pam Gadberry
Assistant Treasurer	Arlene Sevilla-White
Board-At-Large	Nancy Archer
Board-At-Large	Jan Brandeburg
Board-At-Large	Blanc Hernandez
Board-At-Large	Susan Rose

Nominations for awards were presented. Project of the Year nominations were Baptist Rehabilitation Institute and Maumelle Community Center. For the category of Friend of Master Gardeners, the only nominee was Michael Dautz, Grounds Supervisor at the Old State House in Little Rock, for his support of the Old Statehouse Project. In the category of Rookie of the Year, The Old Mill Project nominated new project member Collin Galloway. Paper ballots were distributed.

Cindy announced that envelopes were being passed to collect money for Tina Coley, who works at Pulaski County Extension and keeps the PCMG membership informed.

Garden Thyme with Jane Gulley: Jane featured PCMG Bernice Ufford from the Mount Holly Cemetery Project in Little Rock.

Cindy presented Jane with a plant to thank her for her interesting features and her service to PCMG.

Speaker: Board member Jan Brandeburg introduced the speaker, PCMG member Susan Rose. Susan has been a master gardener for nineteen years and is editor of the Magnolia Chronicle. Susan spoke on "The World of Hostas."

Announcements: Joellen Beard said that the Continuing Education Committee is seeking new members. She announced that Blanca Hernandez will be chair of this committee in 2023.

Cindy asked all the new members present to stand and be recognized.

Cindy reminded members to please pay 2022 dues. The amount of \$30 should be mailed to Tina Coley at the Pulaski County Extension Office with checks payable to PCMG.

Cindy reminded members to enter all project and other volunteer hours prior to the December 15 deadline. Any member needing assistance may contact Mary Helen Henry or Charlotte Lauderdale.

First VP Carol Mendel recognized the PCMG chairs for their service in 2022.

Cincy Strauss recognized the 2022 executive board for their work in 2022.

Budget changes for 2023 were announced. A \$ 2000 scholarship has been set up for an Arkansas student majoring in the horticulture field. Also, the money available from PCMG for projects has been raised from \$200 per year to \$400 per year due to inflation. Cindy reminded the projects that the host organization should still provide for the majority of expenses.

The PCMG Holiday Party will be held on December 9, 2022. At Pleasant Valley Country Club. Deadline to register is December 2. Members may register at the table in the foyer or mail check for \$25 to Pulaski County Extension office attention Tina Coley.

Cindy reminded members that the new member reception will be held today in the Jones room immediately following the meeting.

Cindy announced the result of today's election. Rookie of the Year and Friend of Master Gardeners categories are unopposed. The Maumelle Community Center is the winner of Project of the Year category. The proposed executive board is approved.

Ramblings with Randy: Cindy announced that Randy Forst, our county agent for 9 years, has been promoted to State Consumer Horticulture/Master Gardener Coordinator. On behalf of PCMG Cindy thanked Randy for his service and presented a gift.

Door prizes were passed out to members.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32.

Respectfully submitted,

Deeana Montgomery

Secretary

