

Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting
January 17, 2023

Welcome: Past President Cindy Strauss opened the meeting with a few remarks and passed the gavel to new President, Carol Mendel. Carol called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Carol introduced on stage the 2023 Pulaski County Master Gardeners Board members:

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

Announcements:

Carol announced that the new County Agent, Derek Reed, will start February 1, 2023. He will be introduced at the February meeting.

Carol reminded members that dues are due and can be paid at the meetings or by mailing payment to Assistant Treasurer Arlene Sevilla-White. Dues are \$20 until April 30 and include a free t-shirt. After April 30 dues increase to \$30.

The 2023 PCMG Award winners were introduced. Project of the year is Maumelle Community Center. Rookie of the Year is Collin Galloway of Old Mill Park Project. Friend of Master Gardeners is Michael Dazant of Old State House Project.

Carol presented a segment called “This and That” to inform members of plans for the year.

She reminded members that hours should be entered regularly well before the December 15 deadline. Members should request help obtaining and entering hours. Any membership status changes are due by the third Tuesday in November, and the board must vote on request. This includes leave of absence and sustainer status.

Carol informed members that a clean-up of member roles is currently in progress. Active members must report required hours and pay dues.

The board has voted to increase the amount of money designated to each project to \$400 per year.

The meetings will no longer appear on Zoom, but recording will be available after each meeting. Members are encouraged to attend meetings in person and get to know fellow gardeners.

JoAnn Jennings of the Travel Committee told members that she can arrange carpooling to events around the state.

Speaker: Our member Paul Nolte was the featured speaker. Paul presented information about the PCMG website and all the information on it for master gardeners. He answered questions for the audience. He explained login and many features for master gardeners. Paul pointed out calendars of events on the website. He also encouraged members to report any corrections.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deeana Montgomery

Board Secretary