

Pulaski County Master Gardeners
General Meeting May 16, 2023

Welcome: President Carol Mendel welcomed members to the general meeting at St. James United Methodist Church. She called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Carol explained that we will have an excellent speaker, hold a vote on two new projects, and discuss distribution of free t-shirts.

Speaker: Susan Rose introduced the speaker, Rand Retzloff, landscape designer at Grand Designs in Little Rock, Arkansas. He gave away plants and will open the nursery to master gardeners following the meeting.

Announcements: The Travel Committee reported a successful trip to Subiaco on May 15, 2023. The committee will offer a garden tour on May 24, 2023.

The PEST team visited three projects: Mount Holly Cemetery, Curran Hall, and Courthouse Rose Garden.

Two new projects were presented for approval: Pulaski County Juvenile Detention Center Garden by Valerie Smith, and St. Joseph Center of Arkansas Pollinator Garden by Mike Lienhart. Voting took place by paper ballot.

Carol reminded members of the upcoming state convention June 8-10, 2023, in Russellville, Arkansas.

Carol explained that the June 20, 2023, general meeting will be a short meeting for the beginning of summer break. The free t-shirts will be distributed to members who paid dues on time and signed up for the shirt. Lifetime members also signed up for the shirt. Service awards will be announced. The social committee will offer snacks.

Derek's Remarks: Derek informed members about the Hydroponics Workshop being offered to members in July. He commented that Vestal Park needs help organizing the gardens and is offering a free plot for volunteers who could work with them.

Door prizes were not offered as members will be visiting Rand Retzloff's nursery immediately following the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deeana Montgomery

Secretary