

Pulaski County Master Gardeners
Executive Board Meeting via Zoom

November 16, 2021

Members Present: Sharon Priest, Cindy Strauss, Carol Mendel, Sara Jordan, Pam Gadberry, Susan Stewart, Michele Wasson, Deeana Montgomery, Jodie Mahony, Ann Schweitzer and Suzanne Potts.

Welcome: President Sharon Priest called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Minutes: Minutes for the October 19, 2021, Board and General meetings were presented by Secretary Sara Jordan. Carol Mendel made a motion to accept the amended minutes, Deeana Montgomery seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Pam Gadberry presented both bank statements. Susan Stewart pointed out that project reimbursements for 2021 turned in after January 1, 2022, will be deducted from the 2022 budget for that project. Dues continue to come in. Pam mention both greenhouses have performed well under difficult covid conditions and should be congratulated. Michele Wasson made a motion to approve the report, Cindy Straus seconded. The report was approved.

Pam also presented the budget for 2022. Cindy made a motion to accept the budget, Michele seconded. The 2022 budget was approved.

Reports:

Projects: Cindy Strauss reported 52 people had enrolled in the online class. One person has dropped out and eleven have completed the course. Twenty-two projects have requested new member for the coming year. Five people from the new class have returned their project election forms.

Standing Committees: Carol Mendel shared the Social Committee has arranged for Bob Bidwell to record Christmas music and songs for presentation during the December general meeting. Additional entertainment options will continue to be considered.

PEST: There was no new activity on the PEST Committee.

Speakers: Sharon Priest reported that Jodie Mahony has arranged for a video recording of Chris Norwood from Tipton and Hurst demonstrating the construction of a floral arrangement to be presented during the general meeting.

Nominations: Suzanne Potts reported the committee is moving forward with the present nominated slate.

Leave of Absence: No leave of absence request has been received during the past month.

New Business: Currently there is a requirement for group meetings to be 100 people or less. More than 100 people require a contingency plan to be filed. Randy is waiting for a release from that requirement. Having a hybrid in person and zoom meeting with safety procedures in the new year was discussed.

Randy recommended creating a standing committee with a chair and co-chair for Busy Bees. The suggestion was welcomed by board members.

Duties for the four At Large members for the 2022 board were discussed. One person will be responsible for the new labeling machine and supplies. One person will serve on the PEST committee in lieu of the past president. Two people will be responsible for programs presented during the General Meetings.

A board training session will be held in January with the date yet to be scheduled.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Jordan

Secretary