

Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting

November 14, 2023

Welcome: President Carol Mendel called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. She welcomed members to the final 2023 general meeting of the 35th year and reminded the membership of the Christmas Social December 5, 2023, and the next general meeting January 16, 2024.

Announcements: Carol recognized the Stuff Committee with Chair Linda Ahlen and members Amy Hatfield, Lynda Mitchell, Sandra Watterson, Sally Naill, and Deborah Germany. Orders will be taken until the deadline November 30, 2023.

Carol reminded members that the requirement for lifetime membership is completion of fifteen years of active service. She recognized new lifetime member, Lou Ellen Treadway.

Carol recognized the new class. These members will complete training tomorrow with the final test and project assignments.

Carol recognized the excellent 2023 training committee of Chair Nancy Archer with members Anji Nevala, Ann Griffin, Ann Bortz, Lorene Wright, Laurie Drew, and Bud Smith.

Carol announced voting by paper ballot today for our award nominations for master Gardener of the Year. Members nominated are Valerie Boyce, Old Mill Park Project, and Lee Gershner, Pinnacle Mountain Project. The Friend of Master Gardeners nomination was unopposed, so Mike Carter with Pinnacle Mountain will be the nominee.

Carol recognized the current board and acknowledged their hard work this year. Those leaving the board are Pam Gadberry, Cindy Strauss, Nancy Archer, and Blanca Hernandez. The slate of officers was first presented at the October General Meeting. The slate was presented again today for vote with a motion from Deena Montgomery and second by Jane Gulley. The slate was accepted by voice vote.

A reminder was given to report all hours by the deadline of December 15, 2023. All project reimbursements must be received by December 1, 2023. In accordance with previous announcements, no more status changes will be processed in 2023.

Carol praised Derek's aid to our organization and introduced him for remarks.

Derek's Remarks: Derek reminded members to complete paper ballots and place them in box at back of auditorium today. Derek explained that Constant Contact will be used by members to receive emails and The Magnolia Chronicle. Members will sign up for Constant Contact. Derek welcomed old and new members to proceed to the Jones Room for the new member reception and catered event.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 for the reception.

Respectfully submitted,

Deena Montgomery, Board Secretary