Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting March 19, 2024

Call to Order: The general meeting was called to order by President Sara Jordan at 11:00 a.m.

Program: Member-at-Large Susan Rose introduced the speaker, Dr. Jon Zawislak, Assistant Professor at the University of Arkansas Department of Agriculture. He spoke about "Pollinators in the Garden". The interesting presentation focused on bees. The professor indicated that more information is available on the website, www.uaex.uada.edu/bees.

Announcements: President Sara Jordan had several important announcements.

The Travel Committee presented an opportunity to attend the Memphis Master Gardeners Spring Fling Friday March 22, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Members will travel on their own. Contact Jo Anne Jennings for more information.

Pathfinders Greenhouse Plant Sale will take place April 11-12 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and April 19-20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Greenhouse in Jacksonville.

Little Rock Greenhouse will have the spring sale at the greenhouse location at 7th and Palm Street on April 19 and 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The Busy Bee Committee will offer dremel services in the lobby after the meeting.

The Continuing Education Committee will offer a seminar on "How to Convert Your Yard to a Native Space" on April 18, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at the state office. Contact Christy Bolling for more information.

If members would like to join the Facebook/Photography Committee, contact Bill Harris.

The traditional spring PCMG workday for St. James United Methodist Church will be held April 15, 2024, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Member-at-Large Elizabeth Devlin is arranging the event with member Patti Womble. Members may sign up in the lobby following the meeting.

Sara reminded members to enter hours of service regularly; two education hours are earned for each meeting attended. Help is available in the lobby following the meeting.

The deadline to pay dues is April 30, 2024. Dues may be paid online or in the lobby following the meeting. Beginning May 1 dues increase from \$20 to \$30.

News from Derek: Derek reminded members that Constant Contact is now the method of communicating all important MG information. He will be available in the lobby after the meeting to assist members with the process.

Door Prizes: Door prizes were distributed to members present at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deeana Montgomery, Board Secretary