

MINUTES OF MGRC BOARD MEETING ON 4/06/15

The regular meeting was called to order by President Linda Stevens at 5:30 p.m. at the UT/TSU Extension Offices in Murfreesboro, TN.

Current officers present: President Linda Stevens, Vice President Richard Lee, Co-Secretaries Dee and Frank Crawford, Treasurer Joy Anderton. Other members present: Janie Becker, UT Extension Agent, Nancy Nelson, Linda Lindquist and former President Ken Roberge.

COMMITTEES:

Janie Becker reported re:

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE:

1. A survey was developed for members to review and change as needed.
2. A proposed list of caretaking reminders was prepared for MG volunteers to follow while working in the gardens.
3. Press releases have to go through the Ext. Office via Linda Lindquist or Janie Becker to ensure a uniform format within the TN MG Assn. for any release which requires a UT Ext. letterhead.
4. MG insurance options for 2016 will be assessed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Linda Stevens is in the process of revising the BY-LAWS regarding changes in the MG/Intern volunteer, such as requiring active MG/Intern's to contribute a minimum of 5 hours a year in the demo gardens, which can be either physical work or designing new bed(s), etc. The 5 hours would be a part of the 25/40 hour requirement.

Linda and Richard also decided to start the monthly speaker's presentation at 6:50 pm instead of 7:00 and run for only 30-45 minutes to shorten the MGRC Assn. meeting.

Linda reported that Natalie Bumgarner stated the question of prayer in our assn. meetings has never come up. The Board agreed that we will continue to have prayer at our meetings.

A Motion to approve the March minutes was made by Joy Anderton and seconded by Richard Lee; Motion passed.

Linda S would like the Board Minutes for January, February and March 2015 posted on the website/Facebook along with the Assn. Minutes for January and March 2015. There was no Assn meeting in February due to inclement weather.

FINANCIALS

Joy Anderton presented the March financial report with a Motion to approve made by Linda L. and seconded by Frank C. Motion passed.

FUND REQUEST: Ken R stated that the domain name for the “RC.org” website is pending renewal by end of May 2015 at a cost of \$192 for a 5-year period. In addition an annual fee of \$47.88 needs to be paid to Weebly. Currently, the budgeted amount is \$50. A motion was made by Frank C. to keep the website and for the MGRC to pay this in the future. For this upcoming expense, however, Ken R agreed to pay it. Ken R. explained how useful the website can be – to post notices, do polling and surveys, sell MG shirts and plants, collect dues, etc. There are 4 levels of access – Owner pays bills, Administrator, Author who has ltd. access and a Blogger. Dee C. made a motion to nominate Ken R as administrator and Richard L seconded. The motion passed.

Ken R agreed to provide Linda L. the template and software for MGRC member cards. Linda L. is to forward this to Linda S. with new logo included.

Joy A, Treasurer, expressed some concerns re guidelines for her. She stated that two thumb drives are needed for safekeeping of bookkeeping data. Dee C. made a motion to purchase same and Richard L seconded. Motion passed. The Board agreed to receive quarterly Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss Reports rather than monthly. The Treasurer will continue to provide the Board a typed monthly report of income and expenses with beginning and ending bank balances. Joy A. will increase the budgeted amount for licenses and fees by \$20 to pay the Secretary of State. Joy recommended the IRS Compliance Guide be downloaded for reference and Board agreed. Joy recommended MG’s refer to “Landscape for Life.org” website as a possible course to offer like the Garden Basics course.

Richard L. stated Miss Arning with HEALTHY GARDENS will speak at the April meeting starting at 6:50 p.m. This is a possible service project through the Lutheran Services of Nashville which we are considering.

The 2015 MGRC Budget is to be posted on the “members only” section with a request that members review it prior to the Assn. meeting on April 20, 2015.

Linda Lindquist is to post on the Facebook/Website the new 2015 password.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by Dee and Frank Crawford, Co-Secretaries