

Master Gardeners of Rutherford County Board Meeting
November 10, 2015

Present: President, Linda Stevens, Vice-president, Richard Lee, Treasurer, Joy Anderton, Secretary, Teresa Fly

Other members: Autumn Shultz, Vice president for 2016, Jack Smith and Janie Becker

Bruce Rogan sitting in for Marilyn Rogan. Marilyn is in the hospital.

The scheduled meeting for November 3, 2015, was canceled due to lack of voting members that could attend. This meeting will be considered the official board meeting for November, 2015.

Linda opened the meeting at 2:00 pm.

Minutes from October were approved and accepted.

Financial report reviewed and accepted. As of October 3, 2015 we have \$11,691.43 in the bank.

Discussion of the profits from Farmers Market concession stand: Sales were \$2,843.19 in 2013 and \$2,445.44 in 2014 with expenses being \$3,894.67 and \$1,132.51 respectively; resulting in a combined profit of \$261.45 for the years 2013 and 2014. Sales as of the end of October are \$977.58 and expenses are \$283.16.

Bruce reported that two towers were purchased with the grant money from TN Parks and Rec. Marilyn asked permission to give one to the TN Rehab Center with Rutherford County Master Gardeners getting credit for donating the tower. The other one to be stored until spring in the back shed. Voted and accepted.

Bruce stated he would volunteer to build the potting bench with a sink. He said earlier they had requested \$200.00 for the bench, but no drawings had been made at that time. Bruce submitted a drawing that is accessible for a wheelchair and requested an additional \$150.00 for the supplies. The board voted and accepted his request.

Marilyn has volunteered to take over the Plant and Seed Swap. She will be looking for volunteers beginning in January.

Janie will meet on Thursday concerning the Interpretative Signs. She doesn't think the \$1,800 approved for the signs will be spent this year and will ask for the money to be included in the budget for 2016.

Discussion of corrections and amendments to the current bylaws listed below.

Article VIII. Membership Section 8.01: I believe the discussion was if we could simply say "had the title of Master Gardener conferred upon them..." and leave out "completing required course of study"
Section 8.08 Provisional Members.

Article X. Dues; Section 10.03 amended to read: "Any member failing to pay dues by March 30 ..."

Article XIII, Executive Board;

Section 13.02F: Secretary: Questions: What is "all MGRC correspondence? Does secretary have access to the information needed to keep up with attendance?"

Section 13.02 G. Treasurer add "Prepare budget proposal for the following year and submit it to the board no later than the December board meeting."

Linda suggested everyone bring their copy of the proposed bylaws to the association meeting on Monday.

Meeting adjourned at 4.30.

Minutes written and submitted by Teresa Fly, Secretary