

MINUTES OF MGRC BOARD MEETING ON 2/2/15

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

Current officers present: President Linda Stevens, Co-Secretaries Dee and Frank Crawford, Treasurer Joy Anderton. Other members present: 2014 Treasurer Marilyn Rogan, Bruce Rogan, Rebecca Cowan, and Carol Reese.

GROWTH TEAM: Chairman Rebecca Cowan is attending all Master Gardener classes at Janie Becker's request for continuity. She reported great attendance at the classes; interns did well on review tests. One intern dropped out. Two Board members may provide some needed additional door prizes.

The Growth Team members purchased MGRC vests/shirts from EmbroiderMe. A motion was made by Dee Crawford, seconded by Joy Anderton that the Crawfords would be re-imbursed for the \$89 (one-time charge) digitizing fee of the MGRC logo which they paid to EmbroiderMe. Motion carried. The bill will be submitted to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

A general discussion ensued that the Association would be informed regarding purchasing items from EmbroiderMe.

GARDEN BASICS: Present enrollment is 33-34 with room for more students.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Joy Anderton reported Cash on Hand is \$10,893.89. Report to be made part of these minutes. Marilyn Rogan stated she used Quicken checkbook program and that a Balance Sheet is also a required part of the financials and that a new/used updated computer would be beneficial to the Association Treasurer. Marilyn may provide the board with a resource.

There are approximately 110 potential members which includes 30 paid members. If dues are not paid in February, the potential member will not have a membership card or password. In the past, Marilyn Rogan and Linda Lindquist contacted unpaid members from the prior three years regarding outstanding dues with Janie Becker's input as to member status.

Ken Roberge reminded the Board there are several types of members – Certified Master Gardener members, associate members, MGRC Life members and inactive members. Ken Roberge suggested that the MGRC membership needs to be reminded that a Certified Master Gardener is required to have 25 volunteer hours and 8 education hours each year. Don Richardson has been reviewing this but, due to personal issues, it is unknown if he is continuing to do so.

The President Linda Stephens will prepare the new 2015 membership cards.

Frank Crawford suggested there be an effort made to harvest prior members. At this time Don Richardson is ill; he has been in charge of communicating with members.

The proposed 2015 Budget is to be presented for approval by current dues-paying members at the February 16, 2015, MGRC Assn. meeting. Estimated dues revenue is \$1,580 and total estimated revenue is \$5,475. A motion was made by Joy Anderton to present for approval as above stated; Frank Crawford seconded it. Motion passed.

The President congratulated Marilyn Rogan on setting up the Kroger card program and mentioned that Just Love Coffee pays MGRC a rebate when members buy coffee.

A copy of the completed Peer Audit of the 2014 Books was presented to the Treasurer.

INVENTORY PROCEDURES: Marilyn Rogan stated that results of recently completed inventories are to be presented at the MGRC Assn. meeting. Recommendations will include tracking and purchasing/re-imbusement methods to be used by Committee Chairmen. Also included will be a method to get reimbursed on our website. Marilyn Rogan reported that an inventory of kitchen supplies is completed and a simplified process and form are in place.

WINTER SCHOOL 2/26-27/2015. A 3 ft. x 2 ft. display is to be provided by Janie Becker and Linda Lindquist. Demonstration Garden cleanup is to be done prior to the school by volunteers on Nancy Nelson's list.

Ken Roberge has graciously offered to provide training to the Web Team on the Weebly web-design program at 5:00 p.m. prior to the MGRC Assn. meeting at 6:00 p.m. on 2/16/15 in the small meeting room at the community center. It is recommended that attendees bring their own laptops, etc. to use.

Members were encouraged to join MGRC Facebook group.

PLANT SWAP: There has been a good response from members to donate items for auction sale.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Need to consider working toward developing a Steering Committee to:
 - Determine future goals of MGRC .
 - How shall we fund/budget projects?
 - Do By-Laws mention appointing a new committee?

- B. Is Blessing appropriate? Ken Roberge suggested a moment of silence rather than a prayer due to the assn's 501-C-3 status and direct association with the University of Tennessee. Linda Stephens to research this question.

The President Linda Stevens adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.
Attachments: Current Financial Statement and MGRC Proposed Budget for 2015

Co-Secretaries Dee and Frank Crawford