

MINUTES OF MGRC BOARD MEETING ON 3/03/15

The regular meeting was called to order by the 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, 2014 Treasurer Marilyn Rogan, Bruce Rogan, Rebecca Cowan, Nancy Nelson, Floyd Adams, Jack Smith and Carol Reese.

FINANCIAL REPORT: See attachment for report.

President Linda Stevens will present the 2015 MGRC proposed Budget at the upcoming meeting along with the 2014 Audit Report. Treasurer Joy Anderton stated that the budget for the vegetable garden to was increased to \$200 for 2015. The Farmer's Market budget was decreased to \$1000. With these changes to the 2015 Budget, there is a surplus of funds.

A motion was made by Joy Anderton and seconded by Frank Crawford to reimburse Barbara Mullins \$17.83 for 2015 Winter School expenses. Motion carried.

Rebecca Cowan suggested that the pictures of the Demonstration Garden be laminated to preserve them for use in the community.

COMMITTEES

BY LAWS: President Linda Stevens stated that she will follow up with the By Laws Committee regarding their progress.

STEERING COMMITTEE: Marilyn Rogan reported that 8-9 members have expressed an interest in serving on this committee which will require lots of work, i.e. obtaining grants, fundraising, developing 1, 3, and 5-year plans for the committee, and determining goals regarding community education, etc.

Marilyn reported that other MG associations use service projects to retain members and involve young people. Baptist Hospital was sold and a trust was established and she has obtained materials to apply for grants which are awarded quarterly. Another financial avenue is "GivingMatters.com," where organizations search thru names of non-profit agencies to locate a desirable cause. We plan to be listed on that site and, hopefully, receive donations.

Janie Becker, Ext. Agent, requested that the Strategic Planning Committee make a monthly report to the general membership. Marilyn and Nancy Nelson may present at the April MGRC Assn. meeting.

A discussion developed regarding a survey of the membership to determine those who would be willing to help serve, what he/she could add to the committee, what he/she

can do best. Types of participants needed included participants with talents/experience in event planning, research, and writing.

A Motion was made by Dee Crawford and seconded by Richard Lee to create a Strategic Planning Committee. Motion carried.

WEB TEAM: Linda Stevens stated that a transferring member, David Vaughn, has offered to work with Ken Roberge to develop a new Web Team with Linda Lindquist and Frank Crawford as members.

GROWTH TEAM: Rebecca Cowan announced there will be a potluck supper on March 24, 2015, during the final session of the MG course and the certified MG's are hosting it at 6 p.m. A meat to be provided by UT, per Janie Becker.

A discussion was had regarding providing small plants to all interns as a gift from the MGRC assn. Richard Lee made a motion to provide same at a cost of \$50; Frank Crawford seconded. Motion carried.

Janie is to provide a list of inactive MG's to be contacted regarding rejoining MGRC. There would be a \$30 charge per individual and 3 forms need to be signed. If the person is a certified MG, he/she would be required to have 25 volunteer hours and 8 hours of C.E. If the person is not certified, Janie needs to be consulted.

OLD BUSINESS: Linda Stevens stated she is awaiting an opinion from Natalie Bumgarner regarding having prayer during our meetings.

Janie stated that she will ask Linda Lindquist to build a flyer providing information re local resources for MGRC to obtain garments with our logos on them on a cost basis. The flyer is to have pictures provided by the Crawfords. Marilyn and Rebecca agreed to be in charge of this activity and hand out flyers at an upcoming meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Janie Becker reported a possible service project with Lutheran Services of TN entitled Healthy Gardens wherein they provide 4 x 8 raised beds to ten families with limited resources. Our role in this warrants more discussion.

Linda Stevens reported MGRC were awarded Friends of 4-H.

Linda Stevens reported some service projects other MG assn. are using: mushroom logs, Jr. MG program which uses a curriculum from Texas A & M. We may be involved in one or all of these projects at a later date.

Joy Anderton provided 3 forms for board members to complete and send with their 2015 dues by 3/6/2015. These three forms may be obtained online at Rutherford.Tennessee.education which allows access to Extension's webpage. Then click on agricultural tab and scroll down to MG's Memorandum of Agreement, 2015 Information (revised) and Background Disclosure Form.

The President Linda Stevens adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Attachment: Current Financial Statement

Co-Secretaries Dee and Frank Crawford

The beginning cash balance: **\$10,893.89**

Deposits:	270.00 - UT Extension reimbursement
	<u>195.00 - Garden Basics class fees</u>
	465.00 - Deposits total

Disbursements:	40.60 - Battery for PA system
	30.03 - Postage
	<u>49.38 - Office Supplies (Harland Clarke check order)</u>
	120.01 - Disbursements Total

\$11,238.88 - cash on hand 2/27/2015

Ending balance:	\$11,368.81 - per bank statement
O/S check #1102, 1/19/15	129.93 - Mark Murphy, Garden Basics class supplies