

Master Gardener of Rutherford County, TN
Board Meeting
May 6, 2013

Present:

Ken Roberge, President
Marilyn Rogan, Treasurer
Teresa, Fly, Secretary

Other members that attended the meeting are as follows. Nancy Nelson, Reggie Reeves, Jack Smith, Anthony Tuggle and Janie Becker.

A quorum being present the meeting began. Ken called to order at 6:00. Minutes from April were approved and accepted.

Old Business:

Financial Report: Marilyn discussed and explained the up-to- date financial report.

Educational Programs

Winter School was discussed as to the finances by Anthony Tuggle and Janie Becker. Anthony said our location and facility is the best to accommodate Winter School, therefore, it will continue to be held in Rutherford County. However, many changes are being made in regard to Winter School, and the State Guidelines, both of which should be completed by the first of the year. Therefore, much of the procedures and handling of Winter School will change when the new Director comes on board. How much will be required by our Association will be determined by the Association.

Jack Smith and Nancy Nelson reported on the Master Gardener class 2013, which was a great success. Nancy reported the food budget was not exceeded, therefore next year will probably not require an increase.

The issue arose as to who will handle the Master Gardener class for 2014. Janie Becker reported that she had already appointed Carol Reese for next year. Also an intern from this year will be able to take the class over at no charge. The Board members felt it would be better communications if decisions like these were at least brought up to the Board and/or told to the Board members before it was announce to the public in general. It would make better communications between the Board, the Association and the Extension Service representatives – Anthony Tuggle and Janie Becker. We all agreed to try to communicate better in the future.

Janie Becker discussed the benefits of the coupon for the graduating class, since the Board had previously not approved allowing interns to be allowed to become members at no charge. Since this has already been done, it will stand and not be an issue at this time.

Farmers Market

Reggie Reeves discussed the new and improved concession stand. He also states he would like to have 2 volunteers to work, one a season member and a new intern. The sign up sheet will be passed out at the association meeting May 20, 2013.

Field Trips update.

Five attended Mary's Greenhouse and Nursery and 5 attended the Iris City tour.

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Sam Davis Project

Janie Becker stated “The Sam Davis project will not be approved”. This is not an educational project. They just want free labor to have their landscaping done to look nice for their community”. If you are interested in doing a community project, check with Janie first for approval and the project must be educational.

By-laws update

Anthony Tuggle requested to work with the members on updating the by-laws.

Marilyn Rogan brought to our attention there was too much money spent on the plant swap event and we should consider having it at a later date to help defray expenses.

No more old business to be discussed at this time.

New Business

Position opening

There is one opening for a position on the advisory board. Qualifications:

A past officer

Minimum of 3 years’ experience.

Ready to learn

Memorial Walkway

Nancy Nelson is suggesting a brick memorial walkway to the butterfly garden. More research and investigation will be done before we sign contract or make a decision. The bricks would be custom made with individualized wording (name, in memory of, in honor or congratulations etc.) This will be taken up for discussion at the next Board meeting after Nancy has obtained all the information.

Reggie Reeves requested approximately \$30.00 for the purchase a refrigerator lock.

Motion to adjourn by Marilyn Rogan, seconded by Teresa Fly. Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Teresa Fly