

Master Gardener of Rutherford County, TN Board Meeting  
August 5, 2013

Present: Ken Roberge, President, Carol Reese, Vice-president, Marilyn Rogan, Treasurer, Teresa Fly, Secretary.

Other members present: Mark Murphy, Jack Smith, Janie Becker, Joyce Stiles, Nancy Nelson, Anna Paddon, Linda Goetz and Ruth Deese

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Ken Roberge, president

A quorum being present the meeting began. Minutes from July were approved and accepted.

At this time we have no volunteers to fall celebration. If no one volunteers we will cancel for this year. Janie Becker made a motion to postpone until next year, seconded by Linda Goetz

Jack Smith discussed events for St Clair's Senior Center. The topics will be short not to exceed over 30 minutes. The schedule date is September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30. Janie suggested that Jack provide more details to her and that it be evaluated further after he discussed a plan with Senior Center representative, Brenda Elliott. It was pointed out that all MG projects are required to go through an approval process to evaluate resources/manpower needed and expected impact,

Field Trip: August 26<sup>th</sup> is Cumberland County fall festival.

Power Point Training for MG volunteers is scheduled for October 23, 2013 at 10:00.  
Computers will be provided.

Education: January 14, 2014 will start the 2014 Master Gardener class. This will be a day class from 9:00-12:00 on Tuesday.

February 11, 2014 – Presentation by David Lockwood on pruning fruit trees. Also February 25, 2014 a presentation on pruning Ornamental plants.

Farmers Market: There are free programs scheduled for every Tuesday and every Friday until the end of the season. Currently there has been five Master Gardeners doing a presentation.

Financial Status. 2014 budget will be discussed at a later date. If you do not spend your budget for 2013 you cannot carry it over to the next year.

Nomination committee is in place.

Nancy Nelson proposed to get approved to purchase a brick in memory of Chester Fedorowicz. All agreed. Nancy will purchase this brick and it will be presented to Beth Fedorowicz at our August Association meeting.

No news from the by-law committee.

Janie stated that due to the room being rented out the September Association meeting will be held in the Community Center.

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The weekend morning class proved to be very difficult to manage due to the weather cancellations that would not have been an issue if the class had been meeting later in the day. He is suggesting Tuesday night from 6:00 -9:00 for 2015. Garden Basic for 2014 will be held as normal on Tuesday evening from 6:00 – 9:00

Linda Goetz proposed to have the speaker to go first, before the association meeting started. This went to a vote and all agreed. Beginning in August we will have the speaker first, then the business meeting.

It was brought to the attention of the board that a show case be purchased and displayed in the Community Center. This proposal will go to the Association meeting for a final vote.

Minutes took and submitted by Teresa Fly, secretary