

# Master Gardeners of Rutherford County, TN

## Board Minutes March 4, 2013

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Kenneth Roberge, President.

The roll was called:

Kenneth Roberge, President – present

Sabine Ehlers, Vice President – present

Teresa Fly, Secretary – present

Marilyn Rogan, Treasurer – present.

Other attendees: Jack Smith, Don

A quorum being present the meeting began. The President presented his Agenda for the meeting.

Minutes from February were approved and accepted. The president will not vote unless there is a tie.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Update on Educational Track Programs**

Garden Basic update: Saturday's class will be canceled due to bad weather, but will have the make-up class on Sunday. Thanks to Mark Murphy for doing a great job!

Winter School is completed. The comments were great. We will host this event next year. The dates are tentatively February 21st and 22nd. This will be the last year for Keith Miller to oversee Winter School. Thank you Keith.

Master Gardener update: Jack Smith stated there were 37 interns and 1 transfer. The class is excited and doing remarkable progress. Carol Reese has been appointed to lead 2014 Master Gardener course.

### **Upcoming events:**

The intern project for this year will be a rain garden. Jack Smith will ask the group to have a project presentation.

Plant & Seed Swap is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Susie Hawkins will lead this committee.

Adventures in Ag Day April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Farmers Market to begin Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Marilyn gave the financial report on income and expenses. She also gave us the final budget plan for 2013. This report will be filed with the minutes. At the present time we have 50 paid members. Concerns about life time members. Sabine made a motion for the life time members not to pay dues. Marilyn seconded the motion. Definition of life time members— must be certified and active. There was some conflict concerning this motion, this will be revisited at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

Membership cards for the active members were voted on and accepted.

Proposal: To have the paper directory put on line, Teresa seconded and this was voted and accepted. This directory will be posted in the “Member Only” section on the web site. Sabine will incorporate the new password on the web site.

There being no further business, Ken Roberge adjourned the meeting at 7:25

Respectfully submitted:

Teresa Fly

Secretary

