

Rutherford County Master Gardener's Board Meeting

August 11, 2015

The board meeting was moved from Monday August 3rd to Tuesday, August 11, 2015
Present: President, Linda Stevens, Vice President Richard Lee, Treasurer Joy Anderton

Other members present: Janie Becker, Patty Davenport, Nancy Nelson, Jack Smith, Teresa Fly

Linda opened the meeting at 3:05.

Teresa Fly was approved to attend board meetings and take minutes until the election when at that time a secretary will be voted in and in place. (By-laws: Article XI; section 1)

Minutes from July were accepted and approved.

Financial statement from July has been accepted and approved. The ending balance for July is \$11,147.66.

The board voted on and approved to change the board meeting time. To accommodate the schedules of current Board members the new time will be the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 pm. This will begin September 1st. The time change will be announced in the August Association meeting.

Janie spoke on Interpretative Signs. A design team consisting of Autumn Shultz, William Mitchell and Lisa Brent has been formed. If you have any ideas or suggestion let Janie know.

The association voted and approved to have a plaque on the shed in memory of Frank Crawford. The plaque will simply read "Frank's shed". Also the board voted and approved to plant a memorial plant in the garden. There was \$65.00 donated from the members for Frank. Nancy will get bids for a 5 x 8 metal sign.

The annual volunteer awards (Leadership, Distinguished Service, et al.) are presented each year at the Awards Dinner in December. The Extension Agent may ask for nominations from the Association at Large for these awards but, it is ultimately the responsibility of the Extension Agent to select recipients. The Service award can be a plant and/or a small sign. Richard suggested we maintain a list of what plant was placed, for whom, and where. This is to account for any damage or loss that might occur over the years and allow us to replace either plants or signage without to much trouble.

February 6, 2016 Master Gardener class will begin. The Rutherford County will join with Wilson County for the orientation meeting and for Saturday demonstration classes. Growth team will meet September 1st.

Sunshine committee: It was decided that birthdays will be acknowledge by Facebook. Linda Stevens volunteered to start this trend. Sympathy Cards will be sent to the member for the loss of parent(s), child, spouse, sibling, grandchild and anyone living in their household.

Strategic planning- Nothing to report.

Big head sunflower contest: We have received a few entries

Positions that are still open: Historian, Plant Swap chair, Media Chair, Demonstration Garden Coordinator.

Positions that have been filled:

Ken Roberge – Web-master

Autumn Shultz – Vegetable garden

Warren Anderson – Speaker's Bureau

Stephanie Roach – Events coordinator

Thanks to everyone that volunteered to fill these positions.

Upcoming events:

Association meeting: August 17th at 6:30 in the community center.

Annual volunteer training, August 18th at 6:00 in the community center

September 12th: Making Hypotufa pots. Money will come from the association.

Carol Reese and Teresa fly will work with the 4- H making jelly from our grapes.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

Minutes were taken and submitted by Teresa Fly

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