

Rutherford County Master Gardeners Board Meeting
September 1, 2015

Present: President, Linda Stevens, Vice-president, Richard Lee, Treasurer, Joy Anderton, and Acting secretary, Teresa Fly
Master Gardener Coordinator, Janie Becker

Other members present: Ken Roberge

Linda Stevens opened the meeting at 5.30 pm

Minutes from August were approved and accepted.

Treasurer Joy resolved a question regarding the financial statement from August and the report was approved and accepted. The ending balance for August is \$11, 721.33.

Janie suggested we look at and consider the recommendations from previous audits. We are especially looking for ideas to track inventory used for MGRC's meetings and other events so we can know what is sold at the Farmer's Market. Joy said she would gather the tally sheets kept in Nina's office and in the Welcome Box to allocate costs.

Janie mentioned that she is meeting with the interpretative sign committee before each month's Association Meeting. They plan to have a design ready for approval at December's meeting and to propose an installation deadline of March 1, 2016.

It was decided by the board that the plaque for "Frank's Shed" would be 5x8. Nancy Nelson will speak with Don Harrison on the price.

There was further discussion regarding tracking Distinguished Service Award recipients and memorial plants. Currently Janie and Linda Lindquist are keeping these records.

Linda reported that the growth team met this morning. They have requested door prizes, volunteers to assist with check-in and party planners for the orientation and graduation. Teresa Fly suggested that the items that were left from the silent auction to be used for door prizes. She will ask Barbara Mullins about donating these items.

Strategic planning: Marilyn Rogan and Linda Stevens plan to meet and plan a way to organize the data.

Linda Stevens will present the new updated By-laws in the October board meeting.

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

Ken Roberge presented the nominees list for office:
President, Richard Lee, Vice-president, Autumn Schultz, Secretary, Lee Cadotte and Treasurer,
Joy Anderton. The election will be held at the September Association meeting.

September 12th and 19th Hypertufa pot class: Pot luck and cook out on the 12th. Bring your own
lunch the 19th.

Garden Basics will start on January 28. The classes will be from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Ken
Roberge is asking for \$300.00 for this class to buy supplies. Also a thumb drive was suggested
for the students. The price per thumb drive will be \$5.00. While the price for the class has not
been determined, if the thumb drive is included, \$5.00 will be added. Ken suggested current
MG's might like to purchase them as well.

Training for entering hours will be on September 28th at 6:00 pm. We still need volunteers to
help members and interns with entering their hours.

Ken Roberge will be updating the member' site and should be completed by the October board
meeting.

Janie requested the date change for the December Association Meeting be announced at every
meeting until December. The meeting will be December 14th instead of 21st.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35.

Minutes were taken and submitted by Teresa Fly, Acting secretary.