

**Master Gardeners of Rutherford County Board Meeting
October 6, 2015**

Officers present: President, Linda Stevens, Vice President, Richard Lee, Treasurer, Joy Anderton and Secretary, Teresa Fly

Other members present: Janie Becker, Ken Roberge, Patty Davenport, Autumn Shultz, Nancy Nelson

Minutes were corrected to clarify that Joy was looking at the tally sheet in order to allocate expenses for our different projects. A sentence regarding a suggestion by Joy for tracking awards was removed. The corrected minutes were approved and accepted.

Financial report approved and accepted. Ending balance \$11,430.31.

Teresa asked for reimbursement of \$19.00 for the purchase of candy that was given to children attending the Farmer's Market Fall Fest 2015. The motion, made by Joy and seconded by Richard was approved. A check was issued to Teresa Fly for the amount of \$19.00. Teresa will bring receipts to Joy at the next Association Meeting.

Patty Davenport displayed a sample of the bird houses her husband will make to be placed on the grounds. She said the ground was far too hard to dig and requested funds to rent equipment to install the poles. After discussion it was decided to place the birdhouses in existing gardens so as not to interfere with mowing; to wait until after rain so the soil could be more easily worked; and it was suggested that the houses be installed in the spring because this winter is supposed to be wet and cold.

Nancy stated that the hypertufa pot class was a big success, but the shed needs to be cleaned. She will also post a face book message asking people to return their boards.

Bylaws: Linda stated that currently the organization has four officers which are President, First Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. This does not adequately represent the association and business cannot proceed when officers are absent. The new bylaws provide for three additional officers: Vice President of Education; Vice President of Demonstrations; Vice President of Outreach. Discussion of the bylaws followed and a number of changes were agreed upon. Janie will correct the By-laws and she will send them to each board member for approval. Once approved, the amended Bylaws will be sent to each member of the association by e-mail 30 days before the next association meeting.

Janie said volunteer hours should be recorded by December 1. She stressed proper classification of the hours, whether administrative, volunteer, etc., was not as important as recording them.

Joy stated we have \$100.00 in donations for Frank's memorial.

The Garden Basic class is scheduled to begin on Thursday, January 28th. The class will meet from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Ken asked for an advance of \$250.00 with his budget for supplies for the new class. He stated the money would be mostly made up when the Garden Basic tuition was collected. The board approved his request.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes were taken and submitted by Teresa Fly, Secretary.