

## Rutherford County Master Gardeners

### Board Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2017

In Autumn Shultz's absence, the meeting began with Ken Roberge's report about the Basic Gardening Course. In summary:

37 people registered for the course

32 attended

There were 5 classes, with 11 presentations.

1. It was reported a total of \$1,830. income for course.
2. The total cost was \$686.00.
3. Earnings totaled \$1,450.00.
4. Each attendee received a Garden Basics class book.
5. Several Master Gardener members assisted in the class.
6. Comments from class members included:

A positive feedback

The room was cold and noisy.

A microphone needs to be used by the speakers.

Questions need to be repeated.

7. The cost to place ad in newspaper is \$140.00.

Janie Becker suggested to print the information covered in the Basic Gardening Course. Also, a speakers forum for Master Gardeners (MG) would encourage more MGs to participate as speakers during the course. Janie also suggested that an e-mail message, containing a survey, be sent to the attendees during the summer to see how they used the information they learned. February 1, 2018 is the startup date for the next class, with 6 weeks reserved.

Linda Stephens stated that Parliamentary – Robert Rules be applied during meetings, during which guests may raise their hands to be recognized by the Chairman. Any 1 person may speak 2 times on 1 subject.

Lee Cadotte moved to accept the Board Meeting minutes for January and February as printed. Warren Anderson seconded,. The minutes were approved.

### FINANCIALS:

Lee reported that a deposit of \$930.00 from the Garden Basics course was deposited. The ending checking account balance was \$14,980.59. More information is needed regarding a \$5,000 CD. The financial report was approved.

Janie Becker's last day will be Friday, February 10, 2017.

President Autumn Shultz reported that speakers were arranged through July, 2017.

The Adventure in Agriculture is to be held April 8<sup>th</sup>. MGs will be planning simple demonstrations for the children. Tina Fox at the COOP may be able to donate extra expired seeds. It may be possible to rent patio heaters for the gazebo.

Yvonne Harris will be holding an Adventures in Agriculture meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M.

Jenny Byrum reported that the MG Intern party was successful, with a good turnout.

A Spring Fling Workday is planned for April 1<sup>st</sup>. Another workday will be scheduled in June.

Stephanie Roach is facilitating a March field trip to McMinnville to Mary's Garden.

The Middle Tennessee Plant Swap will be held in mid April. Angie \_\_\_\_\_ has garden photos at her home.

Cheekwood offered private/behind the scene tours for MGs and a private lunch and home tour. Discount tickets will be \$8.00- \$26.00, including lunch. The tulips bloo, in early April. A designated time, possibly in May, needs to be designated.

Marty Boyce reported that he will get stones from Carol Reese 3/11/17.

Marty contacted the Demo Garden leaders and asked that they come on Saturday to speak to the interns' class.

Marty spoke of needs in specific gardens:

Ken Roberge was interested in policing the condition of the shed. The Rain Garden has 2 large uts to fill. The Herb garden needs stone edging.

Warren Anderson told Linda Stephens that there are two requests for speakers in the community: Topics of interest are Invasive plants and Vegetables. The Seventh Day Adventists would like a speaker on a Sunday. Jani8e Becker mentioned the possibility of Spring Plantings as a topic of interest.

Jenny Byrum mentioned that Don Natin, an intern, is a house plant gurue. Also, there are some career teachers in the 2017 MG Class.

Warren Anderson pointed out there is a correction on the Calendar of Events as reported in the February MG Meeting Minutes. On March 9<sup>th</sup>, tree planting class is scheduled to be held at 1233 Cherry Lane from 12:00 to 4:00 P.M.

People are needed to help install garden signs during the workday on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Teams of 3 are needed in both the morning and afternoon to put signs together on March 24. On March 3/25 cement for the signs is to be poured, weather permitting. MGs need to be asked if anyone is knowledgeable about installing vinyl on the signs.

The Plant Swap will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup>. People are needed to help organize it.

The Regional MG Meeting is planned for 6/22. Volunteers are needed to help with decorations and kitchen support. Setup is scheduled for 6/21 in the afternoon.

The 2017 MG Intern Graduation is scheduled for 4/18 at the MG Association Meeting.

An Intern workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 11. On March 18 Natalie Baumgardner will speak on organic vegetables for the interns' class.

A group of 5 volunteers are needed for Smart Yards training in Fall 2017.

Workshops are scheduled 9/8-9/9, followed by another on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The fee is \$25.00 minimum. The local MG group is to decide if additional funds will be added for food, etc. with funds going to the Association. The volunteers include Jenny Byrum, Nancy Nelson, Linda Lindquist, Edwina Shannon, and Rebecca Lucier-Cowan. A training day for volunteers held by the staff of Tennessee Smart Yards is needed.

Old Business

Discussion regarding tree planting: On 2/24 trees may be picked up. On 2/25 trees to be planted by the people wanting trees.

Motion was made by Jenny Byrum to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Marty Boyce. Motion passed.