

## **Agenda: Master Gardener's Board Meeting July 11, 2017**

### **Officers in Attendance:**

Jenny Byrum, Marty Boyce, Lee Etta Cadotte, Autumn Shultz, Lisa Brent (via phone)

**Officers Not in Attendance:** Barbara Donnell, Warren Anderson

**Other Recognized Members/Guests:** Jack Smith

### **Call Meeting to Order**

In order for us to be done by 8:00 pm we'll be brief about each topic.  
We'll invite our guests to speak first.

Meeting called to order at 6:11 pm

### **Dr. Tony Johnston**

With MTSU's School of Agribusiness and Agriscience  
Here to discuss a possible Grape/Fall Festival this year.

Dr. Johnston made some updates to Dr. Anderson's Proposed Activities document and that's what we based our conversation on.

Vineyard was planted 9 years ago. There are about 200 vines out there.  
New MTSU Degree in Fermentation Science starts this Fall. Will have students (17 so far) who will need and can help with projects in the vineyard.  
Event should happen in late Aug or early Sept – when grapes will be ripe.  
Class starts last Monday in August.  
We'd like to scale this event vision back a bit so it's manageable this year. Maybe in future this could turn into something bigger.  
We're estimating 4 tons of grapes, 450 gallons of juice.  
If there is leftover juice – we'll see if Extension/4H wants some, then some can go to MTSU for their classes to make jelly.

For this year's event:

WHEN: Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 6am – 6pm.

WHO: We'll invite RCMG, other MG groups, some friends/family (not quite the whole public) and MTSU students.

WHAT: Bring your own sterile gallon container, pick grapes, stay for the de-stemming and juicing, take some juice home.

We'll start reaching out now to our groups to get the word out.

We'll need:

Boxes (shallow cardboard boxes to hold grapes in the shade while we press)

Electric (under the pavilion)

Water (under the pavilion)

Pruners

CLEAN Gallon (or 2 Gal) containers

Trucks to shuttle grapes from vineyard to pavilion

Ask Janie who took the juice last year at extension. What should we be doing differently?

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For NEXT year, we'd like to do a Pruning training within the first 15 days of January. A "train the trainer" event BEFORE the MG Certification course.

### **Minutes**

The Board minutes from June are on the website. Thank you Barbara for keeping us on track!

### **Financials:** Lee Etta Cadotte

Ending Check Balance: \$14,073.49

\$200 of the Verizon Donation went to the mural/demo area beautification

Voted to Increase Demo Garden Budget by \$250 and Designate \$250 from capital funds to demo garden mural/beautification. Jenny motioned Marty seconded, motion passed.

### **President's Report:** Autumn Shultz

- June 22<sup>nd</sup> event was great – even though it rained, everyone had fun. Natalie emailed her thanks.
- July 1 – Hamilton County folks enjoyed their visit. Many of them were walking around discussing ideas they could pull from our group to use in their own. It was great to see them inspired.
- July 8<sup>th</sup> - MidSummer Mingle was fantastic.
- Janie's gift! We need to decide what to give her. Discussed personalized tools and solar bird baths and garden art. Jenny Byrum will send options for the solar bird bath.
- Keith has shared two dropbox folders with Lee and Autumn – a Farmer's Market documents by month for 2016 and 2017, includes procedures, inventory forms, operations guides.
- Elections – Nominations Slate presented to Association in August. Voting in September. Officer-elects start "shadowing" Oct 1.  
Board Member Intentions to return in 2018 were discussed. Autumn emailed Richard Lee to see if he can head up the Nominating Committee.  
Autumn, Marty are stepping down.  
Jenny wants to stay on the board, but do something different (maybe 1<sup>st</sup> VP or VP of Demo Gardens – She'll stay as the point person on the herb garden)  
Lisa is unsure  
Lee will stay as Treasurer  
We'll need to ask Barbara.  
We should also be looking for an Event Coordinator and VP of Outreach  
Suzanne Lebeau has offered to take over GBG project

Autumn will reach out to project leaders to check their plans as to next year

- Membership cards will be at the August Association Meeting.
- Demo Garden Signs – Invoice has been sent to Lee. Next two are in fact gathering/design stage now.
- Autumn has Terri Rodriguez's green badge that was ordered.
- Still on my list to locate the inventory list that Anna Paddon has and get it updated. (Need to add hose and hose cart, need to have a further discussion on keeping up and tracking)
- Choosing a lapel clip style mic system. (Ken Smith, William Mitchell, Ken Roberge, Jim Phillipson) – Ken sent options – but really just need them to pick the one they like best. 😊

**Vice President Report:** Lisa Brent

- Cheekwood trip updates: the staff at Cheekwood has gone through a lot of changes. They are working up a new contract for us. We'll need to pay the 25% deposit of our expected attendance very soon. Their minimum is 15 people for a tour.
- Veggie Demo Area Plans - Tomatoe Trials Plan

**Vice President Outreach:** Jenny Byrum

- Saturday Market – two interns showed up last week, but no one was there with the table  
Can we get materials/handouts from Natalie Bumgarner if we send her a list of our ideas for demonstraions? Also we should reach out to Davidson County and see what they have been doing – maybe they can give us a list of their ideas. Linda Stevens and Jane Lee Wise have been running this project. Linda has expressed not wanting to be the main person. Jane Lee has requested an inactive year. Jane Lee has the table and sign.

**Vice President Demo Gardens:** Marty Boyce

**Vice President Education:** Warren Anderson

**Old Business not mentioned previously**

**New Business**

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm