

RUTHERFORD COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS EXE BOARD MEETING: SEP 05, 2017

MGRC Board Meeting:

- The meeting was called to Order at 6:16 pm in the Community Center Classroom of Lane Agriculture Park. Executive Board Meetings occur on first Tuesday of every month.
- Officers who attended (5): President Autumn Shultz, Treasurer Lee Etta Cadotte, VP Outreach Jenny Byrum (ran late), VP Education Warren Anderson, and myself as secretary (Barbara Donnell)
- Officers not in attendance (2): VP Lisa Brent, VP Demo Gardens Marty Boyce
- Other Recognized Members/Guests present (3): Jack Smith, Linda Stevens, Floyd Adams
- Extension Agents (0): Anthony Tuggle, and Rachel Eatherly were both absent.
- Total Attendance: 8

Financials: Lee Etta Codotte sent Excel spreadsheet for Aug 2017 to the officers this week.

- Deposits for August: \$ 733.05
- Expenditures for August: outstanding check to Linda Lindquist, \$151 for decorations
- Ending Book Balance for August: \$ 14,173.14
- Lee Etta is concerned with Regions Bank (RB). RB called about our card, stating that it was cancelled in Feb 2017, then RB said it was good, then RB said it had not been updated since 2015. The facts are that it is active and has been updated twice since 2015.

President's Report: Autumn Shultz

- Elections: Nomination Slate was presented to Association in August. Voting will be in September. Officer-elects start "shadowing" Oct 1. Richard Lee is in charge of the Nomination Committee. Richard said that so far, NO additional nominations. Linda L. volunteered for VP of Demonstrations.
- Aug 26th Grape Day went wonderful. Approximately 30 people attended (1 student), pressed 40 gallons of juice. Not enough people to do more work. Many more grapes still on the vine. Thanks to Mimi Kiesling for her contributions to success. Dr Johnston made notes regarding how to make this event run smoother; such as securing the vine wiring supports. Next year the University Fermentation courses will be all year. His Pruning workshop will coordinate with the MG training class (Jan 20 or 27th of 2018; weather dependent).
- Floyd's Mushroom experiment has been visible on the FB page. Linda Stevens has been growing and eating them.
- Hummingbird Festival had a MG Table by Dr. Warren, Kay Blakney (?) & Ron Cozart. Got 6 interested people signed up for interest in taking the MG class.
- Demo Garden Signs – remaining signs are still in the design stage
- Choosing a lapel clip style mic system. Ken Roberge has placed the order
- Rachel Eatherly's Survey has been sent to all members via email. Response is slow.

Vice President Report: Lisa Brent (absent), Autumn reported

- Upcoming Cheekwood is scheduled to Sept 9, 2017. \$518 total.
- Autumn per Lisa, discussed the tomato trials and that documentation has been sporadic. We need to review the trials as to what went good/ bad and changes needed if we participate in the future. Lisa intended to train others to help with documentation but, she had conflicts & never did.

Vice President Outreach: Jenny Byrum.

- Giving back gardens project is on the calendar for Oct 28, so applications need to be turned in by the end of September. Suzanne LeBeau (intern) has stepped up to lead this project in 2018.
- Last day to order MG 2017 T-Shirts will be the next Association meeting (Sept 18th)
 - T-Shirt will cost \$15, payment due at time of delivery
- Happy Harvest workday Nov 4th, 10am-2pm come & go (Jenny has a conflict, hopefully Marty can run it). Sandwiches, chips & bottled water are to be provided.
- Stacy Clark (intern) has been helping in the herb garden.
- Interns are very active this year.

Vice President Demo Gardens: Marty Boyce (absent).

Vice President Education: Warren Anderson.

- Successful Work day for Grape Harvest, Aug 26. 2017.
- Rain garden still needs flat rocks
- Upcoming: Sept 15th RCMG Volunteers are needed.
 - Specifics: Wednesday, Sept 15, 9:30am-1pm, Water Fest at the Stones River Battlefield Invasive Cleanup Days, old Fort Park, 3rd-5th graders. Topics: water pollutions, water safety, engaging experiments (turbidity, pH) and show-and-tell. Seed bombs may be made, which contain wild flowers, etc. Mimi Kiesling has the how-to recipe on making "seed bombs". Contact Warren to volunteer.
- Upcoming: Sept 30th RCMG Volunteers are needed.
 - Specifics: Stones River Battlefield Invasive Cleanup Day. Scheduled for Saturday, 9/30/17 at Old Fort Parkway - Dr. Anderson is contact/ coordinator for RCMG volunteers.

Old Business not mentioned previously

Followup Discussion of "Disabled Veterans Program" from last months board meeting.

1. Our written decision "not to contribute funds and explanation" will be emailed to Marilyn Rogan regarding her petition by for the RCMG organization to contribute monies to the Disabled Veterans program, Healing Waters.
2. The contents of the email sent by Autumn Schultz to Marilyn Rogan:
"We appreciate Marilyn Rogan's devotion and work with Veterans through the Healing Waters program. We encourage individuals within our group to support the program and her efforts, but because the Rutherford County Master Gardeners Association is also a non-profit organization, the Board has decided not to make a donation on behalf of the Association."
3. Clarification in Our August board minutes: "Marilyn asked the MGRC to consider donating funds for the Disabled military veterans to allow fly fishing in our extension pond." Actually she meant public waters. It is generally understood that the extension's policy does not permit the public to fish in the pond.

New Business

- Linda Stevens asked; When are the Zoom meetings (televised lectures) on the "Speaker's Bureau" ? —> Nov 3rd in the main extension building.

- Jenny discussed with a member on the way we share information. Jenny came to realize that some people just do not understand Facebook in-outs and others are overwhelmed by email traffic. A printable newsletter was recommended. She suggested a simple 1-page with upcoming events, dates and times. Jack Smith said that his wife did a MG newsletter for many years and emphasized that the task of creating a monthly newsletter will require a conscientious person dedicated to assemble information from those in charge. Autumn expressed an interest in taking on this job.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm

Submitted by Barbara Donnell, Secretary. Last Modified: Sep 14, 2017