

## **RUTHERFORD CO. MASTER GARDENERS EXE. BOARD MEETING: DEC. 5, 2017**

### **RCMG BOARD MEETING:**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. in the Community Center Classroom of Lane Agriculture Park
- Officers in attendance: (4) President Autumn Schultz, 1 VP Lisa Brent, VP Demo Gardens Marty Boyce, Treasurer Lee Etta Cadotte.
- Officer absent: (3) VP Outreach Jenny Byrum (illness), VP Education Warren Anderson, and Secretary Barbara Donnell.
- Other Members/Guests present (3) Jack Smith, Floyd Adams, and Lecia Anderson who took the minutes in the absence of the Secretary.
- Extension Agent(s): (1) Rachel Eatherly
- Total Attendance: 8

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Lee Etta Cadotte reported on the November financials.

- Check book beginning balance for November 1<sup>st</sup>: \$14,048.70
- Ending check book balance for November: \$14,389.95
- Lee Etta mentioned that Ken Roberge had posted 2018 Budget on website and that for 2017 only 50% of what was budgeted was actually spent. Also, members can pay their dues now for 2018.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Autumn Schultz

- The officers for 2018 were discussed. Jenny Byrum has declined her position of VP of Outreach. Currently the new officers will be President Jack Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> VP and Program Chair is VACANT, VP of Demonstrations Linda Linqvist, VP of Education Warren Anderson, VP of Outreach is VACANT, Treasurer Lee Etta Cadotte, and Secretary Lecia Anderson. Autumn is to post the vacancies on the private Facebook page. There was discussion of contacting Rocky and Gaye Barnard with regard to possibly accepting one of the vacant positions.
- The Christmas/Awards Party was discussed. Jenny Byrum will not be able to coordinate the party due to illness. Marty Boyce agreed to pick up any food needed. Linda Linqvist will be contacted about decorations. The demo garden signs hopefully will be ready to show at the Christmas party.
- Awards for those members with 100 to 199 hours of service will receive gold leaf pens and will be eligible for drawing, 200 to 299 hours will receive two gold leaf pens and eligible for drawing, and 300 or more hours will get three gold leaf pens and will also

participate in drawing. Succulents to be given to those members with 200+ hours. The Most of the Most Award will receive a potted hydrangea, certificate, and acrylic trophy. The Newcomers Award will also receive a certificate and acrylic trophy. Board members will receive certificates for their dedicated service. There will also be recognition for members that have been master gardeners for 3, 5, and 10 years.

- There was discussion of inactive master gardener members. Jack clarified that if a member hasn't paid dues for 2017 they are considered inactive. If members want to become active they must meet educational requirements and complete proper paperwork/form. After remaining inactive for five years the member has to retake MG class in order to be reinstated as an active master gardener. Those that did not recertify are to be removed from the private Facebook page. Danita Autenrieth has contacted Anthony Tuggle about being reinstated. Lee Etta mentioned that Lifetime Members are not required to pay dues but may do so if they wish.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Lisa Brent

- Lisa discussed speakers for 2018. The January meeting is the yearly budget review and Jack Smith will tentatively be the speaker. February is the new MG Intern welcoming so there will be no speaker. In March the Nashville Iris Society or Murfreesboro Aquaponics can be contacted to possibly speak.

Rachel is to contact a friend from Knoxville to possibly speak in April on the topic of Bat Houses. She mentioned the possibility of getting the Boy Scouts involved to build the houses.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT OF OUTREACH:** Jenny Byrum - absent

#### **VICE PRESIDENT OF DEMO GARDENS:** Marty Boyce

- Marty reported that the demo vegetable garden had been planted in clover for winter cover crop by Susie Hawkins. The Huglekulture mound had been supplemented with coffee grounds and decomposing straw. The box woods had been trimmed by Corrine Morgan. Floyd had picked up/delivered bales of straw. There was discussion of 2018 MG interns revitalizing the rain gardens and perennial flower beds as their project. Project leaders need to work on design for their spaces/garden signs

#### **VICE PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION:** Warren Anderson – absent

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Autumn mentioned the need to get the memorial plaque for the Frank Crawford memorial tree. She will look into it.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Rachel mentioned that on January 5, 2018 there will be a training class offered to all master gardeners on using Facebook and Gmail. There is also a new data base coming out for reporting continuing education hours.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the Board meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

