

RUTHERFORD CO. MASTER GARDENER'S EXEC. BOARD MEETNG: June 5, 2018

RCMG BOARD MEETNG:

- The meeting was called to order by Jack Smith at 6:08 in the small conference room at the Lane Ag Park Community Center.
- Officers in Attendance: (5) President Jack Smith, 1st Vice President Jennifer Salter, VP of Education Warren Anderson, VP of Outreach Susie Hawkins, and Secretary Lecia Anderson
- Officers Absent: VP of Demonstration Gardens Linda Linqvist and Treasurer Lee Etta Cadotte
- Others in Attendance: (2) Autumn Shultz and Keith Miller
- Extension Agent(s): (1) Rachel Painter
- Total in Attendance: 8

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Jack read a note of thanks written to all the Master Gardener's and Interns in which Will and Rachel Painter expressed their appreciation for the wedding gifts and loving support. (Thank You Note is posted on MG Private Facebook Page)
- Jack reminded the group of the Fruits of the Backyard Field Day in Spring Hill which is on June 19th and the Summer Celebration being held in Jackson on July 12th. The St. Clair Senior Center will be taking a group (60+ yrs.) to the Summer Celebration at a cost of \$8 per person.
- The first meeting of the Bylaws Review Committee will be held on Thursday, June 21st. The meeting will be held at 1 p.m. in the back conference room at the Extension Office. The committee is working toward revisions of the Rutherford Co. Master Gardener Bylaws so they are in compliance with TEMG guidelines. Jack ask that all Board members review our current Bylaws and if they have any suggestions to give them to a member of the Committee for consideration.
- The Summer Social is being held this Saturday, June 9th at 4 p.m. at the home of Reggie and Janice Reeves. Jack mentioned that this event replaces our June Association meeting and will count toward association meeting attendance. The Summer Social is held for MG members and Interns along with their spouse and/or adult guest. Autumn will email a correction to the June MG Newsletter regarding the Summer Social being held in lieu of our scheduled June 18th Association meeting.

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Jennifer Salter

- Jennifer reported that the Summer Social is coming along nicely. We currently have 56 people that are planning to attend. Four members have volunteered to help move and set up tables and chairs. The barbecue, buns, potato salad, coleslaw and drinks will be provided by the Association and the side dishes and deserts will be brought by the members.
- Jennifer notified the group that Roxanne Phillips from Tipton Co. will be speaking at the August Association meeting and will need to be reimbursed for gas expense. This is a budgeted expense and Jennifer will contact Lee Etta to coordinate speaker's reimbursement check.
- Jennifer reported that the Master Gardener Table that is set up on the Court Square on Saturday's is doing extremely well. This past Saturday there were 74 people that visited the table. There were four master gardeners manning the table and at times it was so busy that each gardener was talking with someone from the public. We need more activities for children which will draw the parents to the table such as the egg carton garden.

VP OF EDUCATION: Warren Anderson

- Warren invited the Board members to the Grape Summit being held Wednesday, June 6th at 10:00 a.m. in the back conference room of the main Extension Office Building.
- Warren has had discussion with Anthony and Van with regard to the woody debris the MG's have been discarding between the two earthen berms over the years. Warren stated that at this time, there is no need for us to purchase or rent a chipper for the purpose of grinding up the debris. We can continue placing our degradable clippings between the berms.
- The Stones River Watershed Association had been willing to donate \$300 toward purchase of rocks for the rain garden. Katie Peay, E.I.T. Project Engineer for Rutherford County is willing to deliver us rocks as we need them.
- Warren stated that Connor Moss, Curator at Oakland's Mansion has not gotten back with him regarding the Master Gardeners helping on activities with children's tour groups at the Mansion.

VP OF OUTREACH: Susie Hawkins

- Susie reported she is getting ready for our Summer Social by coordinating food and floral arrangements.
- Susie reported that the Perennial bed across from the main office is doing quite well. The bed has been weeded and mulched with a few Veronicas added as well as a forsythia. We now have a hydrant key for use in watering the bed when needed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Keith reported on the May results from the Farmer's Market concession sales. The concessions sales were \$702.40, which includes the initial budgeted check funds of \$450. The total monthly expenditure was \$460.02 which left a balance of \$242.38. The concessions should repay the initial budgeted expense of \$450 by mid June. Keith reported that concession usually generates around \$800 to \$1,500 in profits annually. The profit from the concession earnings will go toward 4-H camp scholarships.
- There are Food Trucks that are setting up at the Farmer's Market which take away from master gardener concession stand profits. Keith suggested we get a larger sign than the one currently on the concession stand counter to advertise that the proceeds go toward 4-H scholarships. This should be discussed with Anthony for his approval.
- There was discussion of adjustment of the volume on the Public Address system for our Association meetings. We are unable to get into the closet to increase volume on the system. Rachel will look into getting the volume increased.
- Keith also reported that he and Rachel had worked on the wheelbarrow stored in our garden shed. Every bolt on the wheelbarrow was loose and some were even missing. We need lock washers and flat washers in order to keep the wheelbarrow in good working order. Keith will take care of getting proper washers and doing the repair.
- Lecia had noticed that when she had looked up information regarding Oaklands Mansion that Connor Moss lists himself as Curator and Master Gardener. As Master Gardeners we can not use the title for any type of personal promotion or monetary gain. Mr. Moss should be contacted.

EXTENSION AGENT'S REPORT: Rachel Painter

- Rachel reported that the Growth Team had met to review and plan for the 2019 Plant

Swap. The swap for next year will be held on May 11th from 10 a.m. to Noon. May 11th is the day prior to Mother's Day but ever other weekend was already booked. Our biggest problem this year was in our advertising of the Plant Swap. Our ads need to be clear and consistent. Next year we should plan to advertise on our Public and State Facebook pages as well as our Member's Personal Facebook pages. Autumn made a good point in that if we held it on the same weekend each year it would be more consistent and easily remembered by members of the local community.

- Rachel and Effie Scott recently attended the Junior Master Gardener's Camp in Williamson County. Their camp is a week long and they had over 80 children participate. Rachel and Effie came back with great ideas for our camp next year which is going to be held on June 26th – 28th. Effie will be leading this project. We will be capping our attendance at 20 or 30 children. It was noted that many of the gardeners they talked with had become master gardeners after their children had gone to camp. Rachel will also be attending Davidson County's camp which is capped at 20 but opened to a broader age group of children that actually camp. The theme for our first camp will be Pollinators. Anyone working with these children outside of our group will have to sign up to be a volunteer and complete the proper paperwork.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lecia Anderson

