

RUTHERFORD CO. MASTER GARDENER'S EXEC. BOARD MEETING: Sept. 4, 2018

RCMG BOARD MEETING:

- The meeting was called to order by President Jack Smith at 6:10 p.m. in the Classroom at the Lane Agri Park Community Center.
- Officers in Attendance: (4) President Jack Smith, 1st Vice President Jennifer Salter, Treasurer Lee Etta Cadotte, and Secretary Lecia Anderson.
- Officers/MG Coord. Absent: VP of Outreach Susie Hawkins, VP of Education Warren Anderson, and Rachel Painter, County Ext. Agent.
- Others in Attendance: (3) Brenda Cross, Teresa Fly, and Terri Rodriguez
- Total Attendance: 7

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jack Smith

- Jack presented a question to the group and ask if any of us really knew what the role of a Master Gardener is. He stated that we are all educators representing the University of Tennessee. The older we get, the more we learn, the better an educator we become. Jack stressed the job of leadership within our master gardening group. He stated we all must learn to be willing to accept responsibility of the various roles as leaders in order for this program to remain successful. Each and every member within this organization are more than capable of doing just that. Jennifer also reminded us that we may be uneasy about wanting to take on these responsibilities but we aren't here to judge one another we are here to support one another.
- Jack stated the Bylaws Review Committee will be presenting the revised Bylaws at this month's association meeting for review, discussion, and possible approval. Terri and Lecia will make copies of the revised Bylaws for those wishing to review them. There was discussion under Article VIII. Membership, Section 8.04 A1. The way this section is written leads to some confusion in that one might think Interns have to pay dues. In order to make clarification, it was suggested line A1 be moved further down in Section 8.04.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jennifer Salter

- Jennifer reported that the association meeting speaker for September will be from Colorburst Nursery on Hwy. 70 just outside of Murfreesboro toward Woodbury.
- Two Interns that will also be speaking at this month's association meeting about their experiences in the MG program.
- Jennifer brought up the discussion of meeting attendance by the membership. It has come to her attention that this year's Interns were not aware that they are required to

attend the 4 meeting minimum in order to certify as master gardeners. Jennifer and Lecia have contacted all the Interns and Certified Members to remind them of the attendance requirements.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lecia Anderson

- Lecia reported that she had contacted Terri Rodriguez and that she has agreed to give a presentation at an association meeting. Terri being present at this Board meeting discussed the power point presentation she is working on gearing it toward gardening ergonomics, health and safety. She also may discuss the chemicals we handle as well as the plants we come in contact with while gardening that can become skin irritants and inflammatories. Terri agreed to be the speaker at our October Association meeting.
- Lecia mentioned the smaller sign decals had been placed last Thursday in the demonstration gardens marking the names of the various beds.
- The Grape Harvest was discussed in that it went smoothly, the weather was perfect, the turn out was not over whelming as we had feared it might be. There was a problem with people picking grapes and taking them home without juicing them (at least 80 lbs.) so next year we need to resolve that issue. Lecia noted that in the M.T.S.U. Video of the harvest that Dr. Johnston invited the public to attend next year on August 24th.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lee Etta Cadotte

- Lee Etta reported one check outstanding for \$80 with a checking account balance of \$14,865 for August. We will be getting reimbursed for the t-shirts as members pick them up.
- As a note, when the Inventory was performed there were two garden hoses and reels in the shed, the 4-H reel/hose is Mitchell Mote's. The 4-H reel/hose has been removed from the shed and should also be removed from our Inventory List.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- There was discussion of members leaving the association meetings after the speaker and not staying to attend the actual business portion of our meetings. We have found that if we have a break after the speaker it gives members the opportunity to leave at that point so we will no longer be taking this break at our meetings.
- Stones River Watershed Association will be hosting Waterfest on Friday, Sept. 14th at Old Fort Park. They anticipate 1,400 school children will attend. Warren had asked last month that if anyone would like to volunteer to help him at this event he would certainly appreciate it.

- Terri stated the National Guard has training sites that have to have environmental impact studies done before they are allowed to expand these sites. There are times that native plants have to be dug up and relocated. She questioned if the Master Gardener's could be asked to assist in such a project with the National Guard. Jack said yes and it could also be approved as volunteer time. Terri will talk with Rachel regarding this.

There being no further the Board meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lecia Anderson
Secretary