

## **RUTHERFORD CO. MASTER GARDENER'S EXEC. BOARD MEETING: Nov. 6, 2018**

### **RCMG BOARD MEETING:**

- The meeting was called to order by President Jack Smith at 6:05 p.m. in the Classroom of the Lane Agri Park Community Center.
- Officers in Attendance: (4) President Jack Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jennifer Salter, Treasurer Lee Etta Cadotte, and Secretary Lecia Anderson.
- Officers Absent: Vice President of Education Warren Anderson and Vice President of Outreach Susie Hawkins.
- Others in Attendance: (5) Teresa Fly, Brenda Cross, Gloria Kane, Miranda Tindle, and Rachel Painter, Ext. Agent. (briefly: Joan McRay)
- Total Attendance: 9

Joan McRay came before the Board asking that the LST (Lutheran Services of Tennessee) Healthy Garden Program become an official Rutherford Co. Master Gardener program in which any interested MG volunteer can receive hours for their time on this project. Everything is provided by LST for this program. The role of the master gardeners would be strictly that of a mentor to the gardening participants. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved that the LST Healthy Garden Program is now a recognized MG volunteer project.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Jack Smith

Jack announced to the group that Larry Rogers has submitted his resignation as the Vice President of the Demonstration Gardens for 2019. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved that Larry's resignation as VP of the Demo Gardens be approved. The Board has the authority to appoint a replacement for this vacated position. There was discussion amongst the group and Lecia was asked if she would consider taking on the job to which she agreed. The motion was then made, seconded, and unanimously approved that Lecia become the VP of the Demo Gardens for 2019.

Jack explained that the areas that we use for our demonstration gardens do not belong to us as Master Gardeners. We simply maintain these various areas. This is county property and the Extension is allowed to use this property to promote agricultural and horticultural education for the community. Any changes that we make to this property must meet the prior approval of our County Director Anthony Tuggle and/or our MG Coordinator Rachel. We must also take into consideration the leaders of the various areas that fall under the demo gardens, the group as a whole, and keeping in mind that we are doing this for our community.

**1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Jennifer Salter

- Jennifer reported that while she was visiting Trinidad she had the opportunity to speak to the Garden Club of Trinidad and Tobago about the Master Gardener program. One of the garden club members works with the horticulture department at the University of West Indies and after Jennifer's presentation she had plans to talk with her Dean about starting their own master gardening program.
- Jennifer confirmed that the speaker for November's meeting will be Sam Mabery from Stones River National Battlefield.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Lee Etta Cadotte

- Lee Etta brought before the Board that per the new Bylaws the Board should annually recommend whether dues remain the same or be changed. The annual dues are currently \$30 for all association members. A motion was made that the annual dues remain at \$30. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- The current account balance is \$15,148.66 with \$247.58 in deposits last month. There were no checks written in October. The October Farmer's Market concession deposit has not been made and is therefore not a part of this balance.
- Lee Etta reviewed the 2019 Budget with the group. Rachel suggested we combine items 7150 and 7180, Media – Advertising and Printing budget for a \$500 total. After review it was suggested that the Budget be posted on the Webpage and the Private Facebook page prior to this month's Association meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> for review by the membership. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved that the Budget be submitted to the Association by posting on the Webpage and RCMG Private Facebook Page.
- The annual Peer Audit Review was discussed and it was decided that it would be brought before the Association members. A request will be made for volunteers from the group to perform this peer review.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lecia Anderson

Lecia having no business to discuss, explained that new plants were placed in the perennial bed late in the year that could use insulation around their unestablished root systems before winter. She asked if there were funds that could be pulled from the demo garden budget for this. Jennifer said she would be willing to donate 8+ bags of leftover mulch. Lecia will also contact Lowes and Home Depot to see if she can get them to donate any torn bags they are unable to sell.

**EXTENSION AGENT'S REPORT:** Rachel Painter

- Rachel and Don Richardson have gone to B & B Awards to look at alternatives for the expensive awards that we have given out in the past. They have found one that looks similar but is \$30 less in cost for this year's presentations. In the future she mentioned that we might want to consider other options for awards. We can use anything that is wood or metal and have it engraved as long as the surface is flat.
- Rachel sent out the information to the members with the rules regarding our Christmas costume contest. The rules we are using are from the experiences of other Ext. Agents. Other counties go all out at their parties with formal attire, festive Christmas themes that change each year like favorite Christmas movie character, favorite holiday food, etc. One of our MG members will be donating her artwork as the award for the best Christmas costume. There will also be a tacky costume contest but the winner will not receive an award for this category.
- Rachel brought before the Board that we purchase items to hand out to the public that promotes the Master Gardeners. Car coasters are being considered as our first promotional item. These are cork and go in your cup holder to absorb moisture. Various options were discussed. It was decided to order 1,000 coasters at 32 cents each with a \$25 set up fee and that the funds would be pulled from the Media – Advertising and Printing budget. Lee Etta mentioned that we will have to pay sales tax on the order since it will be given out to the public. The coasters will have a Master Gardener logo printed on them. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to authorize Rachel to proceed on the order of the 1,000 promotional cork coasters.
- There will be a meeting at 5 p.m. before the Association meeting on the 19th to discuss the Junior Master Gardener Camp. Sherry Mosier is going to be the leader on this project. The camp will be held for three days on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to Noon.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Gloria Kane has asked to step down as the person in charge of coordinating the meeting refreshments. It will be announced at the November association meeting that there is a vacancy for the Meeting Refreshment Coordinator.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lecia Anderson  
Secretary

