

**RUTHERFORD COUNTY MASTER GARDENER'S EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:
February 5, 2019**

Attendance:

- Officers Present: (6)
 - President Jennifer Salter
 - 1ST VP Brenda Cross
 - VP of Outreach Teresa Fly
 - Vice President of Demonstration Lecia Anderson
 - VP of Education Warren Anderson
 - Treasurer Lee Etta Cadotte
- Officers Absent: (1)
 - Secretary Terri Rodriguez
- Extension Agent(s): (1) Rachel Painter
- Total Attendance: (8)

The meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Salter at 6:02 p.m. in the Classroom of the Lane Agri Park Community Center.

Treasurer's Report: Lee Etta Cadotte

- Lee Etta brought before the Board the current account balance is \$1,866.13. There were no checks written in January.
- Membership dues are due by the 31 of March; per the by-laws, if not paid by then you are "late" and can be considered "inactive". 39 members at this point have paid.
- Two officers must be listed as authorized signature authority on checks. Lee Etta Cadotte should not be the only authorized individual. We need to change the signature card at Regions Bank to add the current President (Jennifer Salter for a total of 2 signatures) to the Master Gardeners account. **Motion by Lecia Anderson, second by Brenda Cross, all in favor-all. Passed.**

President's Report: Jennifer Salter

- Led discussion on changing up meetings. For instance, before meeting have a presentation playing with AGENDA, upcoming events with important dates to remember, as well as pictures of members participating in recently conducted activities. Discussed recognizing members for various achievements earlier in the year as an encouragement tool.

- Should the members' names be brought before the board that fall inactive? These folks can still come back to attend events or can file for "inactive" status. We have (3) members who were active in 2018 but, due to extenuating circumstances, did not log hours. Two other members failed to meet certification requirements & requested active status. **Motion by Brenda Cross & second by Lecia Anderson to deem Sharon Driscoll, Kathy Partch, Angie Walton, Marty Boyce & Richard Lee eligible for membership in 2019. Motion carried.**

Vice President Report: Brenda Cross

- February there is no Guest Speaker due to the "job Fair" for volunteers.
- Mitchell Mote volunteered to speak at one of our meetings; he has a subject that he would like to present to MG's, therefore, next month's Association Meeting Speaker will be Rutherford County Extension Agent Mitchell Mote speaking on GMO's.

Vice President Outreach: Teresa Fly

- Working on FREE STUFF. Ask if we can get some of the planting ruler (stick) which Lee Etta was given by a bank as a promo item. It lists the various vegetables with the correct planting seed depths. Looking into it.
- Will be speaking at her church, and other venues.

Vice President Demo Gardens: Lecia Anderson

- From DEMO Garden meeting last month, went over what the members wanted to see accomplished in the DEMO areas this year. Unanimously want to see them cleaned up, neat, and Bermuda out of walkways and beds.
- Terri is starting a catalog of the specimens in all of the DEMO gardens.
- Figure out how to display a Visitors Log and the Catalog for visitors.
- Discussion on the different types of labels for specimens in the gardens.
- Request for more gravel to be put on the walkways. Crush and run.
- Interns are focusing on the rain gardens.
- Rachel presented ideas to raise money for the more expensive projects in the DEMO gardens. For instance putting together baskets to be raffled or silent auction. Asked that the legalities are reviewed for these ideas. Members are checking on the rules.
- Need assistance with the distribution of the Trees when they arrive.

Vice President Education: Dr. Warren Anderson

- Presented on vines being propagated by hydroponics. Suggests that this would be a great topic to be presented sometime near July in correlation to the Grape Harvest in August.
- Last two Saturdays the vineyard has been pruned. Not sure if it is completed at this point. Soil test on first 2 rows are being prepared to be sent off. 1st row is poor; yielded roughly 10 lb. The 3rd row yielded about 80lbs of grapes. 2 soil tests will need to come out of the Vineyard budget.

Extension Agent's Report: Rachel Painter

- Rachel presented dates and facts on the Zoom teleconferences. Would like to have the board members participate in this activity.
- What to do with the wood debris accumulating between the berms off the left hand side of the property. Anthony had mentioned he would purchase a wood chipper; he may need to be reminded of this. A sustainable method needs to be established in managing this project.
- Thursday, 9-2. March 14 pruning and small fruit short course. Mitchell Mote will lead this activity. Orchard will be the hands-on portion. Interns fees are covered, for everyone else it is \$10 fee.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Rodriguez, Secretary