

**RUTHERFORD COUNTY MASTER GARDENER'S EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:
September 3, 2019**

Attendance:

- Officers Present: (7)
 - President** Jennifer Salter
 - 1ST VP** Brenda Cross
 - Vice President of Demonstration** Lecia Anderson
 - VP of Outreach** Teresa Fly
 - VP of Education** Warren Anderson
 - Treasurer** Lee Etta Cadotte
 - Secretary** Terri Rodriguez
- Officers Absent: (0)
- Association Members Present: (2) Jack Smith, Keith Miller (Farmer's Market Lead)
- Extension Agent(s): (0) Rachel Painter
- Total Attendance: (9)

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.

1ST VP: Brenda Cross

- September's Speaker will be Co Vice President of Maury County MG Susan Nagel on Propagation. "Fun, Fast, and Easy Gardening Techniques." How to propagate succulents, hydrangeas from cuttings and from the air layering technique.
- Jennifer Salter passed on the suggestion Mark Murphy might be interested in giving a talk at the association meeting in November. Please contact to see if he is interested in being here in September. Please make sure that:
 - Speaker is announced in Facebook post before the meeting.
 - List of speakers is updated and posted on Facebook after meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Lee Etta Cadotte

- Current checking account balance is \$15162.62. No checks written this month.
- Letter of Appreciation and a Gift Card for Colin for the Co-op for driving the flatbed and assisting with the public during the Vineyard Harvest. **Brenda Cross motions for a \$50 gift card to be purchased and given to Colin, Lecia seconds, all in favor, Board Passed motion.**

President: Jennifer Salter

- Grape Harvest. 225 people from the Community, 31 MG Volunteers, 2,040 lbs. or 1 Ton of grapes harvested, making approximately 160 gallons of juice handed out to the public.
- Fall Harvest. As of Friday, only 2 vendors have signed up.

- Volunteer hours need to be entered. A few interns haven't even logged in yet.
- Logo on Growth Team Shirts. \$8 per. The collective opinion is the "Master Gardener" in the Logo is too small.
- Water Fest. Friday the 20th September 8am -1p.m. Need members to work it.
- Fall Clean-up Day is in October. The project list is growing.

VP of Outreach: Teresa Fly

- Can put folks to work to earn volunteer hours.

Vice President Education: Dr. Warren Anderson

- No difference noted in the harvest after applying fertilizer in the spring. Weather cooperated this year making a "good" year for the vineyard. No late freeze.
- Birds did strip the remainder of the grapes after the harvest!
- Mole damage on the older vines.
- Recommend using 10-10-10 fertilizer applied to the surface in the vineyard next year.
- 1700 lbs of harvested grapes is the difference in pruning verses not pruning.
- Talked about moving the Grape Harvest day earlier in the month. Difficulties arise with this action because Dr. Johnson likes to take a late summer vacation; we would not have access to the equipment that makes this so much easier and fun!
- We need to start cleaning up vineyard for the winter.

Vice President of Demonstration: Lecia Anderson

- Compost bin is complete!

Other Business:

- Linda Stevens presents the results of the **Peer Review Audit** of 2018. Finance records look superb considering the large amount of transactions that take place, Good Job Lee Etta! Suggests that there is a memo prepared explaining the missing receipt; a memo to cover a Speaker who doesn't submit a bill; every year someone different should participate in Peer Review.
- Keith Miller reports he has turned in 2 months of **Farmer's Market** collections worth approximately \$756 to Lee Etta tonight. Combined Inventory Plan from last year has helped in saving money in expenses this year.
- Keith Miller reports the trees in the **orchard** have not been pruned back far enough this year. Would like to prune back further this year. Need to perform a dormant spray this go around. Lee Etta confirms that \$500 has been re-budgeted for this effort.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Rodriguez

Secretary