

**RUTHERFORD COUNTY MASTER GARDENER'S EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:  
November 12, 2019**

**Attendance:**

- Officers Present: (7)
  - President** Jennifer Salter
  - 1<sup>ST</sup> 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: (3) Michelle Norfleet- Whitsey, Carol Reese, Herb Harb
- Extension Agent(s): (1) Rachel Painter
- Total Attendance: (11)

The meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Salter at 6:00 p.m. in the Classroom of the Lane Agri Park Community Center.

**Secretary:** Terri Rodriguez

- **Brenda Cross motions to approve October Board Minutes, Lee Etta Cadotte seconded, all in favor, October Board minutes are approved.**
- All minutes have been sent to Ken Roberge for posting.

**1<sup>ST</sup> VP:** Brenda Cross

- November's Speaker will be from our own Rutherford County Master Gardener Association Membership, Mark Murphy speaking on Tomatoes and Tips in the garden.
- Make sure speaker is announced on Facebook before the Meeting.
- Also update the speakers for the year and post on Facebook.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lee Etta Cadotte

- Current book account balance is \$15,147.
- Budget discussion- review of budget requests for 2020.

**VP of Outreach:** Teresa Fly

- Christmas Dinner. The Turkey will be from Whitt's Bar-B-Q. Master Gardener Members will bring vegetable dishes and desserts. Rachel has reserved the room over in the main building. Growth Team will handle the decorations.
- Will be speaking at Lion's Club on the 28th on Fall Flower arrangement.

- STEAM festival
- Was requested by a school to show the students how to do the egg carton green house.

**Vice President Education:** Warren Anderson

- 90 new power points for the cloud have been finished.
- Before uploading the new power points my goal is to reorganizing the existing power points on the cloud. I believe they need to be cataloged to be MORE user-friendly.
- The Rutherford County Beekeeper Association (RCBA) goal is to put an artificial hive in K-12 schools in the county. The RCBA and the Rutherford County Soil & Water Conservation Board are pooling their financial resources to purchasing 20 Educational Hives. There are over fifty K-12 schools in the county. For your information, I am a member of RCBA and the conservation board. If the MG Board believes the MG association should consider partnering with RCBA and conservation board the RCBA may be contacted at Rutherford.beeclub@gmail.com

**Vice President of Demonstration:** Lecia Anderson

- Farmer's Market has ended for the season.
- Clean-up days for last month the third Saturday at 8-1200. We did get the timbers removed from path and rock boarder was placed.
- The Rain Garden clean-up will be the following Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> after the Association Meeting. The hours for awards deadline to be entered will be pushed to the 20<sup>th</sup> to allow for volunteers to count these hours.

**President:** Jennifer Salter

- Remembrance for MG Janet Hawley- Whitmore will be held on Saturday, November 16 from 2 pm- 5 pm at 2418 Franklin Road, Murfreesboro, TN. If anyone is planning to attend, perhaps we could go together.
- Stepping down.
  - Joyce Stiles will be stepping down from Refreshments coordinator. We need to find a replacement. If we cannot find one, then we need to consider cutting down on the food prep, we seem to be wearing folks out on this assignment.
  - Don Richardson is stepping down from the Certification process.
- End of Year Project Reports need to be finalized. EOY Project reports are needed to complete budgeting and county figures to report on Impact Statements.
- Next month, we should look at projects that will need new leadership and send out feelers for prospects.
- Membership Update.
  - Robert Hensley will not be returning. He has moved.
  - Trey Cochran is moving to California. Trey is in charge of our Instagram account so we need to change over to someone else before he leaves.
  - Bailey Johnson is moving to Colorado.

- Logging Hours. Had a good turnout last helpdesk but we still need to remind everyone to enter their hours. There are too many zero hours on the roster when we know their CEUs. Attendance at the Picnic counts for our group which is submitted to the State.
- State Conference: June 11-13, 2020 in Blountville (East TN). Registration opens in January 2020.

**Extension Agent:** Rachel Painter

- Rachel has reserved the conference room in the main building for the December Association Meeting, Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6p.m. MG members are requested to RSVP for an accurate count on the meal purchase. The Growth team is in charge of the Decorating and competition. Growth team will be giving out awards. Association will give out plants. Members will need to bring a side dish or desert.

Other Business:

Herb Harb spoke on Rain Garden. He has drawn a sketch of his proposal on the revamping of a current DEMO Rain garden on the grounds here. He recommends this to be performed in phases, not yet completely planned. He estimates the whole project to cost around \$1210 over a two year period; \$600 for rock, and \$400 for plants. The current location is about 1100 square foot space; he is not suggesting changing this size. He is proposing to relocate what plants can be relocated to other parts of the DEMOs making this garden an all grass rain garden. It is suggested that he could relocate the grasses from the butterfly garden to be used here as well; for this will aid in the Butterfly Garden being extended around the remainder of the pavilion in a future project. The Board asks Herb Harb to add color to his sketch and prepare an outline of the proposal for budgeting and man power planning purposes.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Rodriguez  
Secretary