

**RUTHERFORD COUNTY MASTER GARDENER'S EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:
December 03, 2019**

Attendance:

- Officers Present: (5)
 - President** Jennifer Salter
 - 1ST VP** Brenda Cross
 - Vice President of Demonstration** Lecia Anderson
 - Treasurer** Lee Etta Cadotte
 - Secretary** Terri Rodriguez
- Officers Absent: (2) **VP of Outreach** Teresa Fly; **VP of Education** Warren Anderson
- Association Members Present: (2) Carol Reese, Jack Smith
- Extension Agent(s): (0) Rachel Painter (absent)
- Total Attendance: (7)

The meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Salter at 6:05 p.m. in the Classroom of the Lane Agri Park Community Center.

Jennifer Salter opened meeting by thanking everyone for their service, especially those stepping down from the Board, Brenda Cross and Teresa Fly.

Secretary: Terri Rodriguez

- **Lee Etta Cadotte motions to approve November Board Minutes, Lecia Anderson seconded, all in favor, November Board minutes are approved.**

1ST VP: Brenda Cross

- Enjoyed this past year, and a thank you to everyone for helping me accomplish my duties. I will be replaced next year by Carol Reese.

Treasurer's Report: Lee Etta Cadotte

- Current checkbook account balance is \$14,719.35. 1 deposit of \$100.
- 2 people already paid for Garden Basics. Lecia shared that 1 intern learned about the Garden Basics from the Tuesday/Friday Farmers Market Master Gardener info table where her name and contact information was taken; no one reached out to her afterwards.
- Based on upcoming expenses and a negative balance in the veggie garden budget, funding should be re-allocated. **Motion by Brenda Cross to move an additional \$100 into DEMO Garden and \$30 will be moved into the DEMO Veggie garden from DEMO Orchard budget. No additional funding, just re-balancing. Second by Lecia Anderson. Motion carried.**

- 20lbs of smoked turkey with no buns have been ordered for the December Awards Banquet in lei of Association Meeting. (5lbs makes 25 sandwiches)

Vice President of Demonstration: Lecia Anderson

- Dr. Nate Phillips from MTSU was onsite for this project with students from M.T.S.U. Fermentation class to teach them proper vine pruning.
- The Rain Garden rehabilitation project is calling for the placement of silt traps to aid in erosion prevention. The first date scheduled for work on this project is the first Saturday in February. The intention for this first work day is to have the current vegetation dug out and repotted and stored in a location away from the rain garden site during the preparation phases before replanting. Help is requested with the watering and care for the potted vegetation. A Weeping Black gum tree will be removed from the rain garden; taking suggestions on where to transplant it to.
- The heavy tables in the garden shed have been removed and donated. Many locations refused them due to being too heavy; they were replaced with 2 new plastic ones.

President: Jennifer Salter

- After the Association meeting in November, the following members had approached Jennifer volunteering to be on the Peer Review Panel for the coming year. William Mitchell, Kay Blakney, and Ron Cozart. Warren Anderson and Reggie Reeves also volunteered, Jennifer would like to keep these two in reserve as a “just in case”. Linda Stevens, who performed the last audit along with Ken Roberge, said she would be available for advice.
- The Board discussed members have not met the requirement of attendance at (4) Association Meeting. We will reach out to these members to notify them about the deficiency and that it is not too late to certify for the year by attending the December meeting. Also, remind members to add their hours as well as to check in at the desk every meeting to help with tracking in-case you forget to log in your hours.
- Amazon Smiles Program. Amazon donates .5% of eligible purchases to the organization of your choice. Master Gardeners of Rutherford County is now one of those organizations. An email will be sent to the association members as well as the information being posted on Facebook with instructions on how you can have your Amazon purchases earn the Association .5% of your eligible purchases, if you so choose.

Other Business: Carol Reese, think of topics for speakers next year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Rodriguez, Secretary