



NETMGA
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Board Meeting via Zoom and at RRAC
July 7, 2020

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Andrea Belcher, Barbara Radice, Barbara Voigt, Betts Leach, Carl Voigt, Chris Ramsey, Don Davis, John Hitchcock, Karen Rowell, Kathy Wagner, Larry Wagner, Margaret O'Neal, Mary Cain, Pat Mazurkiewicz, Teresa Gaffner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gwen Ellis, Liz Blakely, Susie Morrison

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME: Meeting was called to order by President, Karen Rowell

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Barbara Radice

Minutes were approved as submitted. Motion made by Pat Mazurkiewicz and seconded by Mary Cain. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Mazurkiewicz

Balance as of 06/25/2020 is \$6310.48 but the computer cost and the cost of the MG Dinner meeting in December are still not out of the budget dollars, so the actual balance is closer to \$3800. Endowment spendable balance is \$6522.27 as of 04/30/2020. Motion made to approve budget by Barb Radice and seconded by John Hitchcock. All approved.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: John Hitchcock

John working on common Google drive: NETMGA2017@gmail.com so we can share documents for the Board and general membership. We have 15gigs of space before we incur charges. We will place minutes on the drive and other documents to share. John will send email invitation so members can access.

MEMBERSHIP/CERTIFICATION: Mary Cain

Mary will call inactive members to find out if they still want to participate. Karen provided some welcoming language to encourage members to comply with the UT requirements. After the membership spreadsheet reflects current information, it will be posted to the Google Drive and anyone who wants it can print it from there. It should be there by August 3; a few members still need to be updated. There should not be the need for printed and mailed out membership lists. Currently the list of active members can be accessed from the TEMG.tennessee.edu website if there is a need for phone numbers and email addresses before the spreadsheet is on Google Drive. The spreadsheet will duplicate what is already available online as well as including home addresses. Both the online roster and the membership spreadsheet on Google Drive will reflect only those members who are active NETMGA members current with dues, hours, and paperwork.

Pat Mazurkiewicz made a motion to only accept past and current dues from members as the accepting future dues make a dues for an accounting problem. Mary Cain seconded the motion and all approved.

PROJECTS: Don Davis

No report

PROGRAMS: Teresa Gaffner

August 3rd program –Gardening with Native Plants by Marjorie Hunter is still planned. We can Zoom in or come in person. UT limits the group to 50 people in the RRAC. There will be some social distancing requirements in the center and masks will be required. Temperatures will be taken before entry and folks need to bring their own water bottles as there will be no food or drinks provided. Teresa will build a Sign-up Genius invitation for members, she will invite SAPS members, and she will ensure the sanitizing of the room prior to and after the presentation.

COMMUNICATIONS: Barbara Radice

Emails from Barbara or Betts will be shown on recipients email as: NETMGA Communications.

PUBLICITY: Andrea Belcher

Andrea is still trying to connect with Richard Clarke of the Johnson City Press.

NEWSLETTER: Betts Leach

Newsletter will be going out this week. Betts will send via post to any members who do not have an email yet.

WEBSITE: Barbara & Carl Voigt

Website up-to date

SULLIVAN COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT: Chris Ramsey

- 1 – COVID-19 Update: UT is in phase 1 of 5 stages of reopening, 1 person can be in the office and they will accept visitors by appointment only. Sullivan County has doubled the number of COVID cases in one week.
- 2 - MG class for 2020: Limited to 20 people with first 4 classes being Zoom meetings. Cost is \$185.
- 3 – Andrea Belcher is the new Administrative Assistant at the Extension office.
- 4 – Discussion about possible change in required hours for 2020. Chris will find out soon and report back to Board.

Karen Rowell adjourned the meeting at 6:47pm

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: August 3rd via Zoom and at RRAC at 6:00pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 14th at 6:00pm in RRAC and via Zoom