



NE MGA
Northeast Tennessee Master Gardener Association

Northeast TN Master Gardener Board Meeting
Ron Ramsey Agricultural Center and Zoom
Date: July 11, 2022

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Andrea Belcher, Mary Cain, Barbara Voigt, Carl Voigt, Brenda McKinnis, Don Davis, Karen Rowell, Karen Todd, Kathy Wagner, Larry Wagner, Linda Spisak, Millie Sue Hawk, Teresa Gaffner, Nancy Shilling

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barb Radice, Chris Ramsey, Betts Leach, Gwen Ellis, John Hitchcock, Heather DUBY, Mary Ann Lovelace

GUESTS:

(none present)

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

The meeting was called to order by the President, Karen Rowell.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mary Cain

The minutes for meeting of May 2, 2022 were approved as presented.

The motion to approve made by Linda Spisak. The motion was seconded by Don Davis. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Karen Todd

Karen presented the budget as of 7-11-22.

The motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Andrea Belcher and seconded by Don Davis. All approved.

TEMG Conference: Karen Rowell

Andrea Belcher read a card from one of the prize winners complimenting the success of the conference. Karen Rowell also complimented the work done by the committees involved. She reported that 100 – 120 people were in attendance

PROJECT REPORT AND GRANTS FOR 2022: Don Davis

Andrea Belcher reported that Tipton Haynes, Rocky Mount, JC Hospital and the Discovery Garden had sent in receipts. She also noted that no receipts can be over 2 months old. There was \$1065.64 from UT spendable account. The deadline for grants is 6-15-22 and must be submitted by 8-1-22.

PROGRAMS FOR 2022: Teresa Gaffner

The next membership meeting will be August 15th at 6:30pm at Steele Creek Park, Bristol. Ben Castille will speak. There will be a “covered dish” meal before the 6.30pm lecture. The facility must be vacated by 9.00pm. Teresa recommended that people arrive around 3.00pm and visit the park. Food will be set out at around 5.00 to 5.30pm. It was also mentioned that Washington County Master Gardeners have been invited to attend. The next Membership Meeting will be October 3rd at 6:30pm at the Ron Ramsey Ag Center in Blountville.

MEMBERSHIP/CERTIFICATION REPORT: Mary Cain

Mary reported that there had not been any changes in the membership roster. There are still discrepancies between the UT roster and the NETMGA roster. Inactive members still need to be deleted and several current members have not registered on the UT site. Currently there are 147 on the NETMGA roster with 8 of those not having paid dues for 2022. The 2022 class still needs to be added to the NETMGA roster.

PUBLICITY: Nancy Shilling

Nancy reported that there had been good feedback for the “Ask A Master Gardener” articles. Material from SAPS can be used as reference.

COMMUNICATIONS: Barbara Radice

Barb mentioned that her email list still needs to be reconciled with the current NETMGA roster.

NEWSLETTER: Betts Leach

(not present)

FACEBOOK: Heather Duby

(not present)

MENTORS: HEATHER DUBY

(not present)

WEBSITE: Carl & Barbara Voigt

Barb reported that the website was up to date.

HOSPITALITY: Larry & Kathy Wagner

Kathy said that she would be available to go to Sam's Wholesale for needed supplies.

SULLIVAN COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT: Chris Ramsey

(not present)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. John Hitchcock had mentioned the idea of developing a list of MGs in a speaker's bureau/data base that would be available to present talks on specific topics. Andrea Belcher reported that she had received calls requesting MG to present to various groups. Mary Cain suggested that a section could be added to the annual membership form giving each member opportunity to indicate their individual areas of competency that can be compiled into a speaker's bureau.
2. Adam Watson, Washington County Extension Agent, will develop a new class for MG training in the fall of 2022. There may be projects where Washington County and NETMGA will partner.
3. The Historic Butler Museum may be a new project. Don Davis reminded everyone that people must obtain a form for a new project and the new project must have a MG in good standing as the project lead.
4. It was mentioned that the project at the Tipton Haynes State Historic is in need of more help.
5. Don Davis requested project hours for 2021 to help quantify the need for additional volunteers.
6. Teresa Gaffner commented that this year's Christmas Dinner may not be a steak dinner as has been in the past due to the projected price increases. The dinner may be a chicken dinner prepared on site with side dishes provided by the membership. More information will follow.
7. Karen Rowell as asked for a nominating committee to help with the selection of new leadership. Teresa Gaffner recommended that each board member have an intern in training. Karen Rowell may draft a memo to call for interest in serving on the

NETMGA board and/or serving as chairman on any of the committees. Kathy Wagner requested for someone to volunteer as a hospitality intern. Notice can be included in the newsletter and on the website. Anyone can contact John Hitchcock for addition information.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next NETMGA membership meeting is scheduled to meet August 15, 2022, at the Nature Center at Steele Creek Park, Bristol. Members can arrive as early as 3.00pm to tour the grounds; dinner should begin by 5.30pm; the program will begin at 6.30pm.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next NETMGA Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on September 12, 2022, since the first Monday in September is Labor Day. The meeting will be at the Sullivan County Extension Office at 6.30pm.

Meeting was adjourned by Karen Rowell