Jefferson County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.

Board and Leadership Meeting Minutes

9 July 2024 / Conference Room / Birmingham Botanical Gardens / 2612 Lane Park Road, Birmingham Al 35223

ATTENDEES

1. Amy Weis, President
2. Janet Humphreys, Secretary
3. Cynthia “Cindy” Funderburk,
4. Carlton “Skip” Craig, Assistant Treasurer
5. Bethany O’Rear, Extension Agent
6. Linda Massey, Membership Chair
7. Diane Remick, Facebook Editor
8. Sandy McCarthy, Policy and Procedure Review Committee
9. Judith Rives, At-Large Director, Liaison to Community Service Committee
10. Jennye McCreary, Membership
11. Susan McNamara, Fundraising Chair, Helpline Coordinator
12. Charlie Faulkner, Policy and Procedure Review Committee
13. Jan Street, Financial Review Committee
14. Katherine Ennis, Hospitality Chair
15. Beth Elliott, 2024 Intern
16. Gail Rule, 2024 Intern
17. Terri Millican, Hospitality
18. Sylvia Britt, 2024 Intern
19. Micha Unrue, 2024 Intern
20. Elizabeth Talliferro, 2024 Intern
21. Linda Powell, 2024 Intern

Meeting called to order by Amy Weis at 11:23 AM

First Order of Business - Amy Weis

A discussion ensued regarding fundraising through an online bulb sale with FlowerPower as we did for the first time last year. It was reiterated that funds raised will be available for project grants, intern hardship scholarships, membership programs, and intern graduations; however, all monies will be deposited into the general fund and not earmarked.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the motion to repeat the FlowerPower Fall and Winter Bulb Sale Fundraiser for 2024 was approved by unanimous consent. Sales will begin on July 15, 2024.

A discussion ensued regarding the recent difficulties in getting preferred room reservations at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens (BBG) for our monthly meetings. In particular, the difficulty associated with BBG-initiated room changes with little notice was noted. A suggestion to meet at other locations was offered, the benefits of which included more accessibility and visibility in the communities we serve. One such location noted was Aldridge Gardens where we met once this year with great success and enjoyment by all attendees. The Hospitality Committee in particular benefited from the ease of serving refreshments with the kitchen and hospitality room proximity at Aldridge.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a vote was taken and approved by unanimous consent that JCMGA hold three (3) members meetings at Aldridge Gardens in 2025.

Second Order of Business - Bethany O'Rear

A discussion ensued regarding the name-reference of the O'Rear Fund. Bethany preferred it be more widely known as the 'Intern Project Fund', dropping her name from it. The Treasurer said it was not titled that in our accounting systems or bank accounts so no vote was required. All agreed that Bethany's request will be honored going forward and we will refer to it as the 'Intern Project Fund' in future communications and announcements.

Announcements from Committees

There were no announcements from committees as those had been made in the Members Meeting prior.

The date and time of the next Board meeting is scheduled for October 1st at 4:30 PM by Zoom. The date of the next Board & Leadership Meeting has not been set.

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM

ATTEST BY:

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Janet Humphreys, Secretary

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Amy Weis, Chairman of the Board