

Boonslick Master Gardeners (MGs) Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Jane Lago.

Roll Call: Mary Barile, Carol Cox, Dean Fleharty, Jackie Hickam, Mary Jenkins, Jane Lago, Cindy Lang, Dora Rowles, Jackie Sieckman, Paul Woods

Guest: Blanche Kelly gave a report on plans for the MOMGA 2020 convention. Realizing that the cost of the conventions is becoming prohibitive for good attendance, and that manpower and access to funding are not sufficient for holding large conventions, MOMGA is considering a new approach for the future. The 2020 convention will be in Jefferson City at Capitol Plaza Hotel, September 18 & 19, 2020. She mentioned Arkansas has a wonderful program and MOMGA is looking at using some of their ideas. It will no longer be just one MG group but possibly five working together to plan a convention. Plans are to discuss reformatting for the convention at the next MOMGA meeting. They want to work to help MOMGA grow and retain membership and are looking for ways to help technically. They are looking for ideas.

Secretary's Report: Cindy moved to accept the report as written, Mary B. seconded.
All Approved.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund - \$3,641.66; Children's Learning Garden - \$1,818.71. Carol moved the report be accepted as presented. Mary B. seconded. All approved.

Reports on Ongoing Projects:

- ❖ **Children's Learning Garden:** Mary J. reported the project has not gotten off to a very good start as one session had to be cancelled due to severe weather predictions and flooding has made it a challenge to access the garden. We were able to plant the Three Sisters Garden May 28 and a good crop came up but some animals have decided they would enjoy them. June 4 planting was done in the pots. The garden had a visit from two groundhogs which seem to be taking up residency under the shed.
- ❖ **Calaboose Gardens:** Jane reported the hydrangea, dogwood and viburnum have been planted. A gentleman has volunteered to do watering on Fridays and Jackie S. and Jane will water during the week. Jane mentioned some weeding needs to be done and stressed it is looking very nice and it will be necessary to stay on top of the weeds to keep it that way.
- ❖ **Food Bank Tomato Plants:** Jackie H. reported Russell will not have as many plants if any.
- ❖ **Walmart, Fairy Gardens and other booths, information tables:** June 15, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. was set as the date for fairy garden. Extension will have a booth at Heritage Days.
- ❖ **June Mini Convention in Columbia:** Jane reported she felt the convention went well. The presenters were extension agents reporting on their favorite topics. Jane announced Jackie Hickam was named Master Gardener of the Year and Boonslick MGs named Chapter of the Year for small group.
- ❖ **Chestnut Festival, October 5:**

Miscellaneous

- ❖ **Reporting Volunteer Hours:** Jane reminded everyone to be sure to keep their hours up-to-date.
- ❖ Kathi Mecham will now be the Horticultural Specialist for Cooper County and she is based in Lexington and will be covering six or seven counties.
- ❖ Todd has volunteered to do a tour at Sanborn Field for our group. Jane will contact Todd about possible dates and then let the group know. The possibility was raised that this tour could coincide with the July picnic, or the picnic could be held separately. A tentative date of July 13 was set for a picnic, planned to be at the Extension office. It was also mentioned that at some time we could tour Jefferson Farms, butterfly house and wildflower gardens.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mary B. and seconded by Jackie H.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Mary Jenkins, Secretary