

# Boonslick Master Gardeners (MGs) Meeting Minutes

## October 2, 2019

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

**Roll Call:** Mary Barile, Carol Cox, Jackie Hickam, Eddie Hudson, Mary Jenkins, Jane Lago, Dora Rowles, Jackie Sieckman, Paul Woods

**Secretary's Report:** Jackie H. moved to accept the report as written, Eddie seconded.  
All Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** General Fund - \$3,450.63; Children's Learning Garden - \$1,535.26. Paul moved the report be accepted as presented. Mary B. seconded. All approved.

### **Reports on Ongoing Projects:**

- ❖ **Children's Learning Garden (LG):** Mary J. reported she had made contact with Tawny in regards to the possibility of the garden remaining at its present location when and if the building is sold. She is waiting for a response from Tawny. Jane and Mary met with Pastor Ken from the Santa Fe Baptist Church about moving the garden to their property. He stated they were agreeable with the MOU. They did advise him MGs are hoping the garden can stay where it is and if indeed it has to move there may not be a 2020 garden due to the necessary work that needs to be done at both sites. October 17 was designated as cleaning day at the garden. Work will start at 9:00 a.m. Jane will send a reminder email.
- ❖ **Calaboose Gardens:** Jane reported it is in good shape except the viburnum that was planted earlier had been cut off. She reported this information to the Friends of Historic Boonville. She noted in the spring there will be a need for additional landscape fabric and more mulch. Jackie S. noted the peonies have what appears to be white mold or mildew. It was decided they need to be removed.
- ❖ **Cooper County Health Department:** No update report was available.
- ❖ **Chestnut Festival, October 5, 10:00 a.m.-4:00p.m.:** Jane and Dora will man the table. Dora will have supplies for children to make fairy gardens. Jane will bring leftover seeds from the foodbank and some potting soil. They will need to be there at 9:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Report of Nominating Committee for 2020 Officers and Consideration of Projects for 2020**  
Jane reported when members were asked to consider a nomination the response was too much going on. She asked members how much could be let go. The future of Cabin Fever classes was discussed as it appears interest is dwindling and a lot of work and time is necessary to conduct these classes. Paul mentioned the garden tours but it was decided not to proceed because it is hard to find availability of homes. It was also noted the first years of the tours were good but interest seemed to dwindle also. Jane has discussed with Todd about having a MG core curriculum class. He suggested January, February or March. It was felt that was not a good idea filtering in possible bad weather. It was suggested March or April. It was also suggested there be only one night per week instead of the usual two nights. Several people noted they felt it is going to be difficult to recruit people for the class and keep their interest to remain an active MG. Younger adults don't seem to show any interest in gardening because they are so involved in other activities. Past experience has shown a low percentage of persons taking the class continue in the program. The class is

taken by most just for information. Jane pointed out Dave Trinklein is retiring so the fate of Master Gardeners is not known. Since the location of the Children's Learning Garden is uncertain it was decided we would not have a 2020 LG unless we are able to stay at the present location. It was also decided we would not be setting up tables or booths. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that since we have so few active members all projects would be discontinued with the exception of Calaboose Gardens, Children's Learning Garden, spring city plantings and the Fairy Gardens. Mary B. suggested we do a time out to contemplate what direction we want to go and to establish our goals.

**Miscellaneous**

- ❖ **Reporting Volunteer Hours:** Jane reminded everyone to be sure to keep their hours up-to-date.

Motion to adjourn was made by Eddie and seconded by Mary B.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Mary Jenkins, Secretary