**Danville Master Gardener Association**

**Membership Meeting**

**January 9, 2023**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was held at West Main Baptist Church and was called to order at

7:00 p.m. by President, Billy Holley. 19 members were present as well as Corey Reidel, Extension Agent. Refreshments were provided by the Board members.

**Introduction of Officers and Parliamentarian:**

Billy introduced the 2023 slate of officers: Vice President, Ann Sylves; Secretary, Bonnie Hill; Treasurer, Kelly Adcock. He stated that the organization had not had a Parliamentarian for some time. Judy Hodnett has volunteered to serve for 2023. Ann Sylves moved that Judy be installed as Parliamentarian; the motion was seconded and carried by a show of hands.

**2023 Handbook:**

Debra Bailey reviewed the new handbooks which were available at the meeting for members. Additional copies will be available at the February and March meetings and at the Extension office. The handbooks were printed and bound under budget so there is no fee to members.

The handbook is dedicated to the memory of Ann Roberts and has a coloring page to be colored by members and submitted as a contest. The handbook includes contact information for the officers, current members, and Extension offices; online resources, listing of former officers, and forms for new projects and reimbursement.

**DMGA Website:**

Brenda Rowland reported that the website is being updated to include the list of members, officers, and member resources, and an events calendar. She and Corey are working with our website manager to possibly include the monthly minutes and bylaws. The member password for the site is in the 2023 DMGA handbook.

There was membership discussion of use of the website and the DMGA Facebook page, if we needed both, and which was more effective. The 2023 fee for the website use and maintenance has been paid in full. Billy suggested that we see what the year brings in usage with further discussion planned for a later meeting.

**Minutes:**

There were no outstanding membership meeting minutes to be reviewed.

Billy suggested that the membership minutes be distributed by email prior to each monthly meeting. Members can review for changes and approval would be voted on at the meeting. Secretary Bonnie Hill can send out the minutes along with the meeting notice about a week prior to each meeting. Ann Sylves made a motion to do this, Julia Sparrow seconded; the motion was carried by a show of hands.

**Gift and Thank You - Ann Roberts Family:**

Ann Sylves noted the beautiful picture and dedication to Ann in the 2023 Handbook. The association sent an Edible Arrangement to Ann’s family in Asheboro. A thank-you note from her family was read.

**Programs for 2023:**

Ann reported that programs were in the works and welcomed suggestions. The February 2023 educational program will be “Risk Management and Civil Rights Compliance” led by Corey.

Possibilities for programs are talks on growing lavender, grapes/winery, moss, attracting pollinators/butterflies, seed-saving, and having a representative from the Halifax County Master Gardeners tell us about their successful community and volunteer opportunities.

**Financial Report:**

Treasurer Kelly Adcock presented a written profit and loss statement for membership review. Income for July 2022-December 2022 was from dues payment and commission from Brent and Becky’s Blooming Bucks and Amazon Smile. Expenditures for the same period included website hosting and security, Gibson Greenhouse, Social for our November Holiday Dinner/Graduation, and Speakers Gratuity.

Account totals as of January 9, 2023 are as follows:

Main account: $16,272.17; Greenhouse account: $1,211.21;

Swipe (credit card) account: $1,746.08

Billy noted that without Spring to Green, our income potential is very limited and opened the floor to suggestions. These included: plant sales at the Farmers Market (Debra and Corey will check on cost); selling seeds or other annuals/perennials purchased from local nurseries. Ann Sylves and Sandy Pruitt volunteered to research these possibilities.

**Audit Update:**

Carrie Rogers, Audit Committee Chairman, reported that the audit committee has met recently with the goal of bringing the financial audit up to date. The last audit was completed through 6/30/2019. The committee will continue their work and present a report to the membership in the near future. Carrie noted that Kelly is doing a great job as Treasurer.

Audit Committee members are: Carrie Rogers, Billy Holley, Cindy Bailey, and Bonnie Hill.

**Projects for 2023:**

Debra Bailey is serving as 2023 Volunteer Coordinator, reminded the members to use the sign-up sheets provided at the meeting for volunteer opportunities. All projects from previous years have been included in the Handbook and will be continuing until further notice: Community Markets, Facebook and Website, Gardening 101 at Ballou Park Senior Center, Gibson Greenhouse, Help Desk, DMG Training Program, Literature Racks, Newsletter, Plant Clinics/Workshops/Classes, Spring to Green, Garden Tours, Travel Tours, and Natures’ Handbook.

A suggestion was made to offer classes in gardening topics at the Community Market on Farmers’ Market days, to educate and to raise funds for the association. Corey will check on availability of space for this.

The new Master Garden Training Classes will be started in early spring. Corey will be meeting with this committee soon. He also has a list of interested persons to contact about taking the class.

Enthusiasm was expressed especially for resuming Garden Tours of member’s gardens and Travel Tours (one-day to area public gardens).

Corey noted that he had been contacted by Brookdale Assisted Living Facility to have DMGA lead a gardening class for residents. He will send out more information by email.

**Spring to Green 2024:**

With Spring to Green our primary fundraiser, it is hoped that this can be held again on the first Saturday in February, 2024. Debra provided the members with a list of committee responsibilities for planning this and will be contacting interested volunteers to start meeting in the near future. Depending on venue, Debra feels we should limit the number of attendees to 100-150, 10 vendors (all garden-related if possible) and maybe 1-2 major silent auction items. Venue possibilities are the Olde Dominion Ag Center and the Averett North campus.

**Standing Committees**:

Billy noted that the Bylaws established Standing Committees as listed in the Handbook. Kelly Adcock will head up the Budget and Finance Committee; Judy Hodnett will be chairman of the Bylaws Committee; Carrie Rogers will continue as chairman of Financial Audit for the 2020-2022 years audits.

Other committees need volunteers and leadership and Billy encouraged sign-ups for these.

Billy stated that if refreshments were to continue before each meeting, we need a person to coordinate this (Social Committee). A sign-up sheet was started for volunteers to bring refreshments.

Billy also asked that members wear their name tags to each meeting. Ann Sylves will purchase disposable name tags for anyone forgetting their name tag.

**Adjournment:**

Jim Clark made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Judy Hodnett and passed by a show of hands. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Next Board Meeting:**

**Within next few weeks, date/time depending on availability of officers**

**Next Meeting:**

**Monday, February 6, 2023, at West Main Baptist Church**

**Refreshments at 6:30; Program at 7:00 with Business Meeting to follow**

**Addendum: February 6 program has been changed: Bill McCaleb of the Southside Master Gardeners Association (Halifax-South Boston) will provide program on how their group survived the Covid years.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Bonnie Hill, Secretary**