

# BIG COUNTRY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

## FEBRUARY BUSINESS MEETING

FEBRUARY 20, 2024

1. **Call to order:** Jackie Sledge determined a quorum was present and meeting called to order at 7:00pm
2. **Review January Business Meeting Minutes** not being available.
3. **Review January Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Turner reviewed the report with membership. There was \$2585 in checking. With total deposits of 1330. Memberships dues and the Chike grant have been placed in separate accounts. A storage cabinet with lock was purchased. The savings account remains relatively stable at \$ 1014.58. Total balance is \$58, 9998.89. The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved by the executive committee.

4. **Events/Workdays/Meetings:**

Intern Training on 2/22 will be on "Turf Grass" due to schedule of speaker.

Farm and Ranch Expo is 2/29-3/1. MG will have a table and volunteers are being sought to man it.

The Women's Fair is on Thurs, 2/29, and MGs Jackie Sledge and Kathy Turner will be speaking on "Gifts for Gardeners"

There will also be two seminars on Fri, 3/1 which will count as education for MG: Bee Keeping and Landscape Curb Appeal.

Cookies will be provided for the Farm & Ranch conf room at the request of the County Ext Agent.

5. **Committee Updates:**

Awards: The monthly Busy Bee Award went to John Geib and the You Rock Award to Don Miller.

State Awards Submitted:

Youth – Other – Long Early Learning Center

Workshop Presentation – Tomatathon

Written- Recorded Educational Content – Weekly Garden Articles on Website and Face Book.

Research – Fly Research for Ext Office

MG – John Geib

MG – Association

Winners will be announced at the State Convention

Budget & Finance: no changes

Membership: For January 418 Vol hours

96.5 Educ hrs

514.5 Total Hrs reported by 42 MG and Interns

MG Intern Training: in progress

Plant Sale:

April 13, 2024 – Prep begins Mon 4/13; on line sale Wed thru Fri; in person sale on Sat.

Oct 12, 2024 – Fall sale

Projects: "Catch up" work needs to be done, weather permitting

Demo beds

Modern Living Mall

Expo Planters

Greenhouse

Swenson House

Zoo

Hope Garden – some work done but weather interfered.

WASP Museum

Sweetwater Community Garden

Recurring Special Events:

Spring/Summer Picnic – Stephanie McKee reported the picnic will be May 11 at Donna Long Wolfer's home.

Christmas Party – scheduled Dec 10 in the Big Country Hall

Resource/Marketing:

Website – Videos being added, article of the week being added. Sara Adams would appreciate other MG participate by submitting articles.

Facebook – continues.

Newsletter – Thanks to Emily Hardin for assuming responsibility for putting the newsletter together.

## Training/Programs:

Saturday Seminars – This month is the Pepper Palooza. Kathy Turner reported that as of today, 29 have registered to attend. Ann Pierce will kick off the seminar discussing the history and uses of “chilis”. There will be a “salsa tasting with participants able to vote on their favorite salsa. Then the propagation team who has planted and cared for 300+ pepper plants will discuss how to plant and care for peppers. Cooking with peppers will follow hosted by Lucy Geib and Donna Long Wolfer. A lunch provided by the MGs will consist of enchiladas and side dishes. The owner of Life of Pie will then speak on how he uses chili powders in a few of his pies. The pies will be available for dessert. Lucy and Donna will wrap up the session discussing how to preserve peppers.

Registration cost is \$ 35 which will include lunch, a cookbook on peppers, a booklet reg the presentations, and two peppers of their choice. MGs may also purchase the cookbook for \$16.13 in cash or check.

Monthly Library Programs- continue on the first Tues of each month and the second Friday of each month.

Advanced Training Opportunities – Jo Rake reported the Junior MG Training is in progress, virtually. Jackie Sledge,

Emily Hardin, and Nelda Lawrence are participating. The Propagation Training in Ft. Worth in May will be attended by Liz Throckmorton, Wendy Porter, and Julie James.

Strategic Planning Committee: To be scheduled by Steve Estes and Dawnyel Luckie.

Maple Street Property: Boundaries have been identified and a neighbor has fenced the back part. The extra property belonging to MG needs to be used. A meeting to discuss it may meet next week if a location to meet is identified.

### **6. Director’s Meeting:**

Report on Feb 2 Meeting – Jackie Sledge stated only one “lifetime” member chose to return to full status although all were contacted.

The next Director’s Meeting will be on April 24.

### **7. Old Business:**

- A. Policy/Procedures/ByLaws Review is in progress.
- B. Repair of Trailer – Awaiting estimate of parts to make decision on repair or not.

### **8. New Business:**

- A. The 2024 State MG Convention will be virtual again this year with registration being \$85.
- B. Chike Grant – The \$1000 grant will be determined by a survey of membership regarding their ideas of usage.

- 9. **Extension Office News:** Dawnyel Luckie not in attendance.

### **10. Open Discussion:**

A few questions were asked reg the Pepper Palooza and were answered by Kathy Turner.

- 11. **Adjourned:** 7:40 after motion by John Geib and second by Dawn Graham.