

BUSINESS MEETING

BCMGA

October 15,2024

1. **Call to Order/Welcome** Meeting called to order at 7:25 and it was determined a quorum was present.
2. **Review September Meeting Minutes** – Minutes were reviewed but last page was incomplete so will be reviewed next month.
3. **Review September Treasurer Report** – Report included reconciliation of receipts from September which were approved. Total bank balance was \$64,703.14 on 9/30/24.
4. **Events/Workdays/Meetings** – Reviewed with no changes. It was noted that the “Grain Lessons” at Long Early Learning Ctr included 800 students ages 3-5 years. MG assist with teaching the children about oats, wheat, corn, and rice.
Haunted Abilene is the next event which will need to be planned.
The annual pecan show will be Nov 20-21 in which MG will participate.
5. **Committee Updates**
 - A. Monthly Awards – will be given at the November meeting.
 - B. Budget & Finance – developing in progress.
 - C. Membership:

September Hours
496.25 Volunteer
<u>106.50</u> Education
602.75 Total hours for Sept, 20224 reported by 51 Master Gardener
 - D. MG Intern Training – planning in progress.
 - E. Plant Sale Report – Fall Plant sale netted \$27,817 deposited. With \$ 13,000 expenses, the net profit was \$13,500.
 - F. Projects
 - MLM & Demo beds – no report
 - Exp Planters – Rochelle Johnson will have the planters moved for MG to plant the pansys on or after 10/26.
 - Greenhouse – new, smaller one is in place.
 - Swenson House – plants from the plant sale will be put in place next week.
 - Zoo – no report
 - Hope Garden – Lauren Clark took the plants to be placed in the garden.
 - WASP Museum – Beth Hamaty picked up plants for that project.
 - Sweetwater Community Garden – Julia Tinney picked up veggies for that project.
 - Thomas Elementary School – Chrystal McCutchen reported she had rec’d additional funds for the project. She asked for additional help for Jean Dotson with that project.
 - Good Neighbor Project – Abilene/Callahan Bapt Assoc – no update

G. Recurring Special Events

Oct 19 – Soup Party at Donna Long-Wolfer's House. Starts at 6pm. Bring soup, dessert, bread/crackers. Recipes appreciated.

Dec 10 – 2024 Christmas Party in Big Country Hall. No cost to attend. Help with decorations the morning of party appreciated.

2025 Spring/Summer Picnic – no plans at this time

Garden Tours – Nov 16 – Tour the greenhouses at the Expo Ctr, Susie Scott's and Kathy Turner's.

H. Resource/Marketing – no changes

I. Training/Programs

Sat Seminars – to be planned.

Library presentations – November's programs will be on bulbs presented by Kathy Turner and Jackie Sledge. December will be on tool maintenance.

Advanced Training opt – A new program from Tx A&M, Plant Pathology, will be available. The short time for registration will occur in the latter part of Oct with only 50 to be accepted. Nov 4 there will

be an e-learning course during which participants will be given assignments to complete at their own pace. Then on Nov 18 and 19th, zoom sessions will cover bacteria, fungi, virus, and nematodes.

MG is interested in should refer to additional information at Texas A&M Master Gardeners Advanced Training.

J. Strategic Planning Committee – a meeting will be scheduled.

K. Maple St. Property/use – no update

6. **Directors Meeting** – Dec 6, 2024

7. **Old Business**

A. Policy and Procedures/Bylaws Review – in progress

B. Use of Chike Grant – no update

C. T-shirts – Kathy announced there are still shirt available. Notify her if you want one.

D. Second greenhouse – the Propagation Team is writing procedures.

E. Shade House at Maple St. – no update

F. Rain Barrels – Rachel said she has ordered the supplies to make the 18 barrels. When the supplies come in she will schedule a workday.

8. **New Business**

A. Nominating Committee for 2025 Officers – to be announced in November.

B. 2025 Budget - will be presented in November.

C. Background Checks – A 3 hours online course is required before getting the background check completed. (It will count for 3 hours)

D. New Hour Requirements – Currently BCMGA requires 24 hours which may need adjusting to be in line with the state.

E. 2024 State Awards - to be written.

F. State Department of Agriculture made an unannounced visit to the Fall Plant Sale. He stated inspections should be done every 3 years. He had seen the floral license, which is effective for 10 contiguous acres,

thus another one may be required for Maple St. The inspector will be asked to meet with a group to clarify other questions.

9. Extension Office - no news

10. Open Discussion - none

11. Motion to Adjourn – at 8:18, Kathy Turner made a motion to adjourn, John Geib seconded it, and it was approved.

Next Education/Business Meeting – November 19, 2024.

Attendees rec'd 1 hr. educ and 1 hr. vol