

Pennsylvania Gourd Society
Spring Business Meeting
Saturday, April 18, 2015

- Meeting brought to order at 10:10 am
- Review of minutes from January Board Meeting, 2015
- Review of Treasurer's report
- Discussion of revisions to the Constitution and By Laws of the Pennsylvania Gourd Society discussed at the January Board Meeting along with the 2015 operation budget, and the AGS Feature Article scheduled for the summer of 2015.
- Helen discussed what the Lebanon Valley Counsel of the Arts is all about. PAGS is now a member.
- Reagan talked about the binder that contains the history of PAGS and how he used it to write the AGS article. It was discussed on where these binders should be kept. It was mentioned that Ely would like to have the pictures inside the binders because it shows the growth of his gourd business.
 - Linda will take the history binders and copy the pictures for Ely
- Correspondence received: Thank-you from the Lebanon Valley Counsel of the Arts and a thank-you card from Sylvia.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Membership:** Claudia stated that PAGS is up to 140 members and gave a reminder that membership dues are due by May 31st. Remains \$15.
 - **Education/Farm Show:** Brenda stated that there were compliments on the booth set up due to the new banners and she thought that it went well even though the location wasn't satisfactory.
 - **Gourd Festival:** (Reagan)
 - **Classes:** Approximately 100 people signed up for classes thus far
 - **Vendors:** Same vendors as last year
 - **Silent Auction:** Reagan is soliciting donations from different companies and suppliers. He will sent out an email list of all those contacted thus far.
 - **Banquet:** Still working on this. Talked about possible entertainment or a speaker during the banquet.
 - **Signage:** Claudia showed the new signs and banner. These are to be placed out on the Sunday before the fest (June 14th).

Those interested in helping will meet at the expo center around 2pm.

- **Ad Hoc Committee Reports:**
 - **Newsletter:** Susan stated that she is in need of articles for the next newsletter
- **Patch Updates:**
 - **Tri-County:** Helen stated that it has been difficult in getting together
 - **Mason-Dixon:** Meet the first Saturday of every month; contact person is Pru
 - **Pocono:** Meet the 3rd Monday of the month at 5pm in Brodheadsville, Pa. Monday's meeting (April 20th) is to work on the patches' donation to the silent auction. The group is meeting on Monday, April 27th at 6pm to work on making leather bracelets. Contact person is Sue.
 - **Maryland:** Meet the last Wednesday of the month; 6-9pm.
 - Reagan would like each group to make up a tri-fold board with information and pictures regarding their group to put on display at the gourd festival.
- **Old Business:**
 - Changes to the constitution; first by Linda and second by Bill; approved.
- **New Business:**
 - Fest Set-up day- Wednesday, June 17th, 2015 8:30am
 - Next PAGES meeting: August 15th, 2015 at Levi and Linda Stoltzfus Farm, Manheim, Pa. 17545
- Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm
- Demo by Helen on growing

Respectfully submitted,
Mariellen Hittner, secretary