

**Pennsylvania Gourd Society  
Fall Business Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, October 17, 2015  
New Holland Library**

- Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM by PAGS President, Reagan Bitler.
- Spring and Summer Business Meeting minutes were reviewed. Correction made by Vice President, Claudia Hill from the spring business minutes; 120 members, not 140. Approval made and submitted.
- PAGS Treasurer, Sue Meyers, presented the treasurer's report. The report was discussed and approved.
- **President's report:**
  - Holiday Luncheon will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2015. Sylvia Bisker will once again handle the sign-ups for covered dishes; list was started at the meeting. Voluntary gift exchange will take place along with the ornament exchange. Gift exchange needs to be gourd related and ornament exchange needs to be brought in a brown paper bag.
  - 2016 Pennsylvania Farm Show information is now available online. Dates: January 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. Click on the 2016 Show tab. Gourd categories are listed but not limited to Family Living. Handouts available. Pre-entry deadline is December 14, 2015 for entries. Discussion to follow meeting.
  - The Board of Directors has not been able to meet with summer schedules and fall shows. Meetings will be scheduled shortly to have a budget review and preparation for 2016.
  - Calendar of Events 2016 – dates needed ASAP. The Board will meet ASAP to set up dates for meeting and workshops for next year so that they can be posted on the website. Usual dates are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month with business meetings held in April, August, and October. Workshops in May, July, and September. Helen volunteered to do a demo and one of the meetings, Betty Laevey volunteered to host the May workshop (need a volunteer to do the workshop), and Claudia volunteered to have the September workshop in the Poconos.
- **Committee Reports:**
  - **Membership (Claudia Hill)** – 2 new members, bringing us to 104 members. American Gourd Society is running a contest where the winner will be the gourd society who has the largest percentage of members who are also AGS members. So please renew or sign up to be an AGS member!
  - **Education (Helen Olena) Informing the uninformed person** – Helen went to the PAGS web page pretending to be an uninformed person. It was discussed on the best way to get the calendar set up and informing the uninformed person that all meetings/demos are open to the public, but workshops are limited to members only. Reagan will speak to Jenn regarding this.

- **Pennsylvania Gourd Gathering (Fest Committee)** –Contract has been received and has not changed from 2015. Approved and submitted. Reagan will speak with each “sub-committee chair” to discuss needs and progress.
- **Ad Hoc Committee Reports:**
  - **Newsletter (Susan Zanella: not present)** - A special newsletter will include event details, class offerings, and schedule, along with mail-in registration form. Suzie Nonn invited 3 guest instructors this year.
  - **Librarian (Linda Cancellierre)** – New books added to the library but not ready for check-out yet. Please check to see if you have any books checked out and return.
  - **Historian (Betty Leavey)** – nothing new to report. Please sent any pictures that you have from recent events to either Betty (PAGS related) or to Susan Zanella for the newsletter.
- **Patch/Gourd Group/Updates:**
  - **Tri-county** – Meets last Monday of the month at Flower and Home Market Place from 10-1pm. Contact Helen or Gloria
  - **Mason-Dixon-** Next meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>. RSVP to Pru Reichart. Project will be “Florida Chickens” (Flamingos). Usually meet the first Saturday of the month.
  - **Pocono** – Will be meeting at the Gourd Cave on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 to make gourd crosses. RSVP to Claudia Hill. Sub-group: Linda and Betty would like to start a group to meet on Saturdays for those who have difficulty meeting on Monday nights.
  - **Maryland** – Last Wednesday of the month at the community college. Price of \$10/3months.
- **Old Business:**
  - **Holiday Luncheon – Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Date change due to availability of the church.** Motion put forward and approved to have PAGS purchase/reimburse for the turkey and ham and for a donation to the church. Location: St. Paul’s United Church of Christ, 300 West First Street, Birdsboro, Pa. 19508. Time: 11 AM. Church was reserved for us next year in order to get the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.
  - **Official PAGS Communication Discussion-** Discussion regarding too many PAGS sites. Question was raised, “Do we need a sub-committee” regarding this issue?
  - **Pennsylvania Farm Show January 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>.** – Volunteers needed to cover the PAGS booth. Sign-up sheet started. Speak to Brenda regarding volunteering.
- **Next PAGS Business Meeting: Spring 2016 TBA**
- **Spring Business Meeting Demo: TBA**
- **Spring Workshop: TBA**
- **Meeting adjourned at 11:49**

Respectfully submitted  
 Mariellen Hittner  
 Secretary

