

Pennsylvania Gourd Society
Spring Business Meeting
Saturday, April 16, 2016
Eli Smuckers

- Meeting called to order by the president at 9:15 AM
- The meeting minutes from the last meeting were read and approved first by Linda Cancellierre; seconded by Donna.
- The treasurer report was read and approved first by Sue and second by Linda Cancellierre.
- President's report, sharing, and correspondence:
 - A Jim story award thank-you was received for PAGS donation.
 - Calendar of Events 2016 can be found on the PA Gourd Gathering Website. Please check periodically to see updates and changes.
 - Spring workshop, "Cut-out Mini Bowls", will be held on Saturday, May 21st, 2016. The workshop will be held at Codorus State Park, Hanover, PA picnic pavilion #1 near the swimming pool area. Workshop will begin at 9 AM. Bring a covered dish to share. Reagan will provide hot dogs and buns for grilling. Need to bring a wood burner and mini-saw of your choice. You will need a skew tip for the burner. Please notify Reagan if attending.
 - Demo today by Helen Olena on the use of alcohol inks and the gourd harvest with Eli.
 - PA Gourd Gathering Website new this year. Link is through pagourdsociety.org or go directly by going to pagourdgathering.com
- Committee Reports:
 - Membership (Claudia Hill): 107 members at this time. Please remember to pay your dues by May 31st.
 - Education (Helen Olena)/farm show (Brenda Riggs): Helen would like to update the fact sheets and mentioned that there are a lot of garden groups that would like to have someone from the gourd society come and talk to them. Please see Helen, if interested. Brenda thanked everyone for their participation in this year's farm show and felt that we had a great space; saw a lot of folks that showed interest.
 - Pennsylvania Gourd Gathering (Fest Committee)
 1. Classes are live for registration. Over 120 seats filled within first two days. We will have 55 classes over 3 days.
 2. Banquet will be held at the Golden Corral beginning at 6:30 PM. Tickets will be available at the registration table at the gourd gathering. \$13.75/person.
 3. Silent Auction and Chinese Auction Items- encourage patches to put baskets together again this year, finished gourds should be your original work and to the best of your abilities. Looking for donations from businesses and supply vendors. See Reagan for a letter to give out to businesses and supply vendors that has our non-profit number on it.

4. Camping available for instructors, vendors, and gourd gathering committee members. See Reagan to reserve a spot for \$15/night.

5. Set-up will begin at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, June 15th. Vendors may begin to set-up at noon on June 15th. Need more volunteers to help with clean-up on Saturday! Pru is working on advertisement.

6. Good Day PA! – Need an energetic and enthusiastic volunteer to be our spokesperson. Is recorded live and aired at noon on Tuesday, June 14th. Need great quality demo pieces for a display on the show. Demo in the background as well. Reagan needs to have everything to them 5 days prior.

- Ad Hoc Committee Reports:
 - Newsletter (Susan Zanella): please take pictures and send articles of events you are going to.
 - Librarian (Linda Cancelliere): please send ideas to Linda of books you would like to see in the library.
 - Historian (Betty Laevey): nothing to report
- Patch/Gourd Group Updates:
 - Tri-County: Last Monday of every month at the Flower craft market, 10 AM
 - Mason-Dixon: 1st Saturday of the month. Contact Pru Reichart to be added to the list.
 - Pocono: Meetings vary. Starting to work on Silent Auction item
 - Maryland: Maryland Gourd Days – Harford Community College - April 28th – 30th. www.gourdday.org
- Old Business:
 - Thank-you to Sylvia and Jeanie and crew for a great Holiday Luncheon.
 - Congratulations to all those that entered and won ribbons at the Farm Show
- New Business:
 - Storage Shed Rental Discussion and Motion: Will look for a storage shed in a central location to house all of PAGS stuff. An inventory list will have to be made. Linda made a motion to accept and Sue second.
 - Agreement of Farm use for purpose of gourd harvest: All members who will be harvesting today were asked to sign an agreement that would relinquish liability of injury while harvesting.
 - Official PAGS Website Discussion: discussed that it might be a good idea to send a reminder to the person that will be holding the next meeting. It was mentioned that Jenn's husband has been the one that was keeping our website going and she was grateful to Reagan for starting up the new site for the gathering because it is a difficult time for her right now.
 - Jim Story Award State Competition: We make a donation every year for the Jim Story Award. Jim was known for gourd manipulation and green cleaning. Every state can apply. The gourd must be grown in the previous year. AGS site has the rules. A PA application is available. We would like to start having a Jim Story

Award Competition starting this year at the gourd gathering. Crystal was the first to motion and Sue seconded.

- Next PAGES Business Meeting: August 20, 2016 – Levi Stolfus Farm
- Summer Business Meeting Demo:
- Summer workshop: July 17th Linda Cancellierre – Creative Embellishments @ Brenda Riggs' house.
- Meeting adjourned at 11 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Mariellen Hittner
Secretary