

Pennsylvania Gourd Society

Spring Business Meeting

Saturday, March 24th, 2018

Meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m.

- I. Fall meeting minutes and treasure's report approved
- II. **President's report, sharing, and correspondence:**
 - a. Board of Directors meeting was held at 1PM on January 21st at the Starlite Diner in Allentown, PA. 2018 Operating Budget was set, 2018 PAGS Event Calendar was set, and discussions were had regarding the PA Farm Show and the PA Gourd Gathering.
 - b. AGS to attend the 2018 PA Gourd Gathering.
 - c. Thank-you to Sue Pakala and Claudia Hill for organizing the PA Farm Show
 - d. Thank-you to Jenn Avery for organizing the PAGS booth for the Lancaster County Woodcarvers Show. The woodcarvers may set up a booth at the gourd gathering.
 - e. Passing of Reggie Eakin – Card being sent from PAGS
 - f. Spring PAGS Workshop-May 19th. Workshop on "Getting to know your power carver" given by Susan Zanella at Corderus State Park, Pavilion 1, Oar House Road – 10 AM. Please register at www.pagoursociety.org or email Reagan at godahavom_gourds@yahoo.com
 - g. 2018 PA Gourd Gathering Class Registration opens April 2nd for current PAGS members. A discussion ensued regarding the registration process and questions were answered.
- III. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Membership:** 108 members; new members from other states due to early registration of classes for members. Membership will be due at the end of June to correspond with the gourd gathering. New members will be put into a drawing for a basket of gourd supplies.
 - b. **Education/Farm Show:** Thank-you to all those members who braved the weather to man the booth at the farm show.
- IV. **2018 Gourd Gathering:**
 - a. New Registration Software – Link will be sent via email to all current PAGS Members. Binders and paper registration forms are available at the gourd farms today and the paper registration form has been available at www.pagourdgathering.com since March 19th.
 - b. You can renew PAGS membership, order your banquet tickets, and register for classes on the registration program.
 - c. You will receive a confirmation email within 48 hours (probably sooner) with instructions on how to make a payment within a 10-day time. If payment is not

received by the date on the confirmation letter, your classes will no longer be held, and they will be dropped from your schedule.

- d. Corrections and changes need to be emailed to Reagan at the email in the confirmation letter. DO NOT FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM A SECOND TIME. It will override your previous submission.
- e. AGS will be holding its annual business meeting at the 2018 PA Gourd Gathering. Meeting will be on Friday evening at 5:15 PM prior to the PAGS Banquet.
- f. Competition information, guidelines, and entry forms are available online at www.pagourdgathering.com. Paper copies are available in the class binders at the gourd farms. Competition includes the People's Choice Apple Gourd Challenge, the Jim Story Award for manipulated gourds, Categories for gourd growers and for crafted gourds.
- g. Annual PAGS Banquet will be held at 6PM (6:30-meal begins) at the Pavilion on the grounds of the Lebanon Expo Center. Music entertainment will be provided by the Dakota East Band. \$20 per person. Limited 75 people currently.
- h. Silent Auction and Chinese Raffle donations can be dropped off beginning at noon on Wednesday, June 13th but would like them no later than 9AM on Thursday, June 14th. NO RECYCLED GOURDS – we would like to continue with quality over quantity.
- i. Volunteers needed as competition item and silent auction item check-in on Wednesday, June 13th noon – 5PM and on Thursday, June 14th 7:30 AM-9AM. Need competition clerks for Thursday evening 6-9PM. Need volunteers to serve as registration desk assistants-check-in with instructors- “gopher” for registration/front table clerk. Need volunteers for clean-up and road sign pick-up on Saturday, June 16th noon-6PM. Sign-up with Reagan by emailing godahavom_gourds@yahoo.com

V. Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

- a. **Newsletter** – NEED AN EDITOR – newsletter will become very streamlined soon. Items for the newsletter can currently be submitted to Reagan at godahavom_gourds@yahoo.com
- b. **Librarian** – Waiting to hear if we need a new librarian.
- c. **Historian** – Sue P. will take over for Betty unless someone else is interested.

VI. Patch Updates:

- a. Tri-County: meet the last Monday of the month at Flower Warehouse at 10AM
- b. Mason-Dixon: they are re-organizing since Pru Reichart has moved and is currently unable to serve as email organizer.
- c. Pocono: Usually meet Monday evenings when able at Claudia's gourd cave.
- d. Maryland: meet the last Wednesday of the month at the college. Will be working on marbled and crackled eggs.

VII. Old Business:

- a. **PAGS** needs several positions to be filled. Newsletter editor, historian, and possibly librarian soon.
- VIII. New Business:**
 - a. **None currently.**
- IX. Demo: KROMA Crackle – by Suzie and Reagan**
- X. Show and tell on latest PAGS member projects.**
- XI. Meeting adjourned at 1140.**

Spring PAGS Workshop: Getting to Know Your Power Carver by Susan Zanella at Codorus State Park.

Next business meeting: Saturday, August 18th, 2018 – 10AM at Linda and Levi Stoltzfus Farm, 1151 Landisville Road, Manheim, PA

Respectfully Submitted,

Mariellen Hittner, Secretary