

Extension Program Development Team (PDT) Minutes

Agent: Paul Pugliese

County: Bartow

Date: Oct. 31, 2024

Program Area: Bartow County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers (MGEV)

Members Present: Dee Anne Wyse, Vicki Jones, Steve Zuber, Renee Carleton, Venia Etta McJunkin

Members Not in Attendance: Shirley Andrews, Candice Sims, Mary Willis, Greg Frisbee, Tricia Spivey, Kate Posey, Rick Shireman, Gisele Butker

Review:

1. Review: Aug. 16th PDT meeting minutes and action items.
2. Budget Update: Current MGEV program balance is \$10,251 | Investment Fund: \$34,014.
Greenhouse site prep has begun! Will need to transfer \$41,000 to county for match.
Paul will contribute \$2,000 from Extension office program funds.
Anticipate interest deposit on investment fund mid-November (est. \$1,000).
Need to move \$4,000 from general fund to greenhouse project.
3. 4-H Forestry Team (19 students) attended district contest in September. JR team placed 1st and SR team placed 2nd at the contest!
4. Native Tree Walk at Pettit Preserve: Oct. 12th (17 attendees)
5. Rose Lawn Festival: Sept. 21

Education and Updates:

1. Continuing Education Requirements for 2024 (10 hours): 15 have reported 10+ hours YTD.
2. Upcoming Thoughtful Thursday Webinars (2pm): **Nov. 14** Plant Breeding.
3. Advanced Trainings a few in the works for 2025 TBA.
4. Green Industry Update in Canton: **Dec. 6** (\$40) see attached flyer.
5. MGEV Annual Committee Chair Planning Guide and Volunteer Annual Intent to Renew.*

Plan Upcoming Programs and Events:

1. BCMG Workshops: **Nov. 16** Wreath Making (\$50); **Jan. 11** Paul Pugliese (\$10)
2. 2025 Master Gardener Training Classes: Fridays, Jan. 10 - March 28
Screen applications/schedule interviews by Nov. 15
Class fee \$225 due by Nov. 30
Bartow Hosting Classes: **Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, March 28.**
Invite new trainees to attend regular members meeting in January.*
3. Extension office will be **closed for holidays: Nov. 28-29; Dec. 24-Jan. 1; Jan. 20**
4. Arbor Day: **Feb. 21** Coordinator: Kate Posey; Trees: Bald Cypress and Dogwood.

Engage Project Teams:

