

A special meeting of MCGA, to amend Standing Rules of Order, was held September 15, 2018 at 9A.M. with President Stephanie Clere presiding. There were ten members present.

Location:

Amended to Marion County

Purpose:

Share ideas with others, teach each other new ideas and techniques, bring a friend to help increase membership and carry on the Patch.

History:

MCGA was the first patch in Florida, started by Marilee Crank, Marion Crank and Francis Amis in 1996. This makes it the oldest Patch in the State of Florida. The Patch had a couple of rough times with only a few members, including present members Glenda Damm and Ruth Stuart-White. Nancy Shanahan joined in 1998 and it was decided that the Patch needed to be more organized. We all share in the common interest of gourd crafting and learning new techniques.

Dues:

An amount proposed by The Board of Directors and approved by membership. Dues are payable on third Saturday of March each year.

Workshops:

Presented by members at a set fee, which does not include the gourd or supplies, unless it is specified by the teacher. The teacher will be paid per student at a fee set by the Board of Directors.

Seminars:

Presented by individual not a member of MCGA. Cost of class will be determined at least two months prior to seminar. At time of posting a list of materials will be displayed on website. Seminars are open to non-members for an additional charge. Class fee must be paid at least a month prior to date of class. This will allow class to be cancelled, if there are not enough people signed up.

Refunds:

Will be given in case of class cancellation, or notification at least 72 hours prior to class, with Board approval.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

A. President- preside at meeting, set-up committees as appropriate to help manage Patch affairs.

B. Vice-president- assist President and assume duties of present or other officers in their absence.

C. Secretary- keep records of business at meetings and board meetings. Conduct correspondence and present a copy of minutes or publish on website. A copy of minutes should be sent to President for approval prior to being published.

D. Treasurer- keep account of monies and deposit in designated account. All bills and expenses must be presented in written form (receipt) in order to be paid. Report shall be presented to membership at next meeting.

Membership- collect dues and keep record of membership. Monies and membership information shall be given to treasurer. A letter acknowledging receipt should be sent and a card given to member at the next meeting. A notice should be sent to any member in arrears. Provide members with updated mailing list when requested.

Committees:

A. Ways and Means- come up with various activities to help provide monies to support Patch. Monies will be turned over to treasurer at end of activity.

B. Publicity- announce Patch activities through local news, media or other publications. All requests to place anything on website besides normal workshops or seminars must be approved by President.

C. Historian- compile scrapbook and pictures of activities.

D. Auditor- two member committee appointed by President to verify treasurer's reports yearly or whenever a new treasurer takes office.

Amendments- may be amended with a 2/3 majority of membership at meeting. Text for proposed amendment should be presented to Board and published 30 days prior to vote.

Vacancy- any officer leaving office prior to election should surrender all papers and information to elected successor or appointed successor.

Dissolution- all debts of Patch must be paid and no funds shall be inured to members as Individuals.

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