



Meeting Agenda: 2023 Annual Membership Meeting

June 16th at the PA Gourd Festival

Introductions of AGS officers present

- AGS President, Reagan Bitler (PA)
- Treasurer, Phil Moorhead (IN)
- Secretary, Terry Noxel (NY)
- Director 2, Celia Shaneyfelt (TN)
- Director 3, Madonna Watermon (MO)
- Director 4, Marla Garber (TX)

Accomplishments & Goals

- *Support to Chapters*
 - *Website updates*
 - *Judging Program*
 - *Award Programs: Excellence in Gourd Artistry & Jim Story Manipulated Gourds*
- *Brainstorm for future initiatives.* AGS is looking for suggestions to consider for the development of future leaders in chapters as well as growth of membership.
 - Numerous organizations were suggested (4H, Boys & Girls Clubs, Art and Garden programs in schools from K through 12th, Community colleges, Libraries, Cooperative Extensions and others)
 - Involve members in decision making and promote job-sharing of key tasks to grow leaders and make sure no one feels they have to do something alone.
- *Nominations & Voting:* Positions for this year's AGS election:
 - 2nd & 3rd VP
 - Treasurer
 - Directors 1 & 2
- *Voting:* 2024 Budget

Treasurer's Report, *Phil Moorhead* - See attached

Membership Report, *Terry Noxel for Dallas Lunsford* - Approx 2,000 members at this time. See Terry if you need to renew or rejoin AGS or check your expiration date.

Dialogue: How did you get started with Gourds? It was fun to hear what everyone had to say.

**AGS Treasurer's Report
To Membership Meeting
10-28-23
Georgia Gourd Show, Griffin, GA**

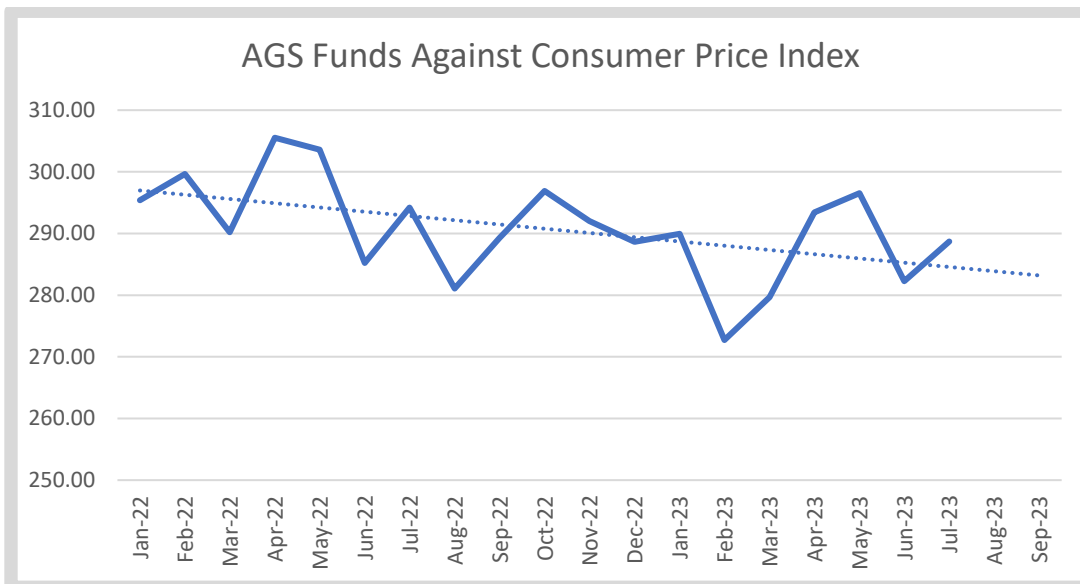
At the end of the fiscal year 2022 we had \$85,668.51 in the bank. This compares with \$84,407.33 at the end of September 2023. The books agree with the bank statements. All tax forms have been filed.

	FYE 2022		FYE 2023 thru Sep	
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
General	\$ 51,116.96	\$ 45,152.40	\$ 35,149.94	\$ 34,678.89
Jim Story Award	\$ 388.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 188.00	\$ 1,227.72
Artistry Award	\$ 23.79	\$ 0.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 708.10
TOTAL	\$ 51,528.75	\$ 45,152.40	\$ 35,357.94	\$ 36,614.71

Highest item:

		FYE 2022		FYE 2023 thru Sep		FYE 2024 Projection
INCOME	Dues	\$ 41,321.36	80.2 %	\$ 30,595.44	87.1 %	\$ 42,000.00
EXPENSE	Magazine Printing	\$ 18,993.03	42.1 %	\$ 14,539.55	39.7 %	\$ 21,000.00

There were 2,100 magazines printed for the 2023 Fall issue. Of those, 1,873 (89.2%) were bulk mailed.



Philip Moorhead
American Gourd Society Treasurer