

Henrico Master Gardener Association Board Meeting

Minutes: September 7, 2011

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Barry Hayes at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes: The previous month's Board meeting minutes have been reviewed and approved. The last Board meeting minutes are on the website at Henricomga.org

Reports from Committees and Officers

Treasurer: Doug Green reported that the Association had \$4,586.96 in the checking account and \$4,166.96 in two CDs for a total of \$8,753.92 at the end of August. A letter was received from Virginia Tech, acknowledging the HMGA donation to the Master Gardener Coordinator Endowment Fund.

1st Vice President: Caroline Lockerby has finalized the slate for the rest of 2011. George Longest will be speaking on Gillette Gardens in September, followed by Clare Terry of Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, speaking in October on ergonomic garden tools. In November, Grace Harrison will present a seed propagation program. Caroline is working on a field trip for April, during Historic Garden Week.

2nd Vice President: Marty Vaughan reported that all sessions for Advance Training are lined up, including topics such as vegetable/fruit preserving, topiary, and orchids. Marty is starting a programs and procedures book to pass on to future Advance Training Chairs and recommended cycling through certain speakers every 5-6 years, for the benefit of new Master Gardeners.

Corresponding Secretary:

Master Gardening Training: Grace Harrison reported that trainee applications have been sent out, and several have already been submitted. Speaker gifts are ready and all speakers are lined up. One training class will be held in Board room, due to a scheduling conflict with the Demo Kitchen.

Helpline:

Plant Clinics:

Service, Recognition and Historical: Joyce Brannon shared one item from the newspaper. Grace said Henrico County employee Jeoff Weidele is filming a video about the Master Gardener program, to be shown on the local Henrico television station. Currently, there is no further progress on computerizing MG timesheets.

S.M.A.R.T. Lawns & Tree Smarts:

JMG: Faye Derkits will be selling bird and wildlife brochures, leftover from the Extension Office, at upcoming events. Faye will contact Jody about including all events on the website calendar. Faye and her committee will be at the Lewis Ginter Plant Sale and the Go Green Festival in September, and the State Fair in October. They will also be working with pre-school teachers in October, explaining worm bins. Also in October, Lisa Sanderson will be starting classes at Armour House for 6-8 graders.

Special Events: Judy Burton has volunteers for the Go Green event, but still needs help with the State Fair.

Scholarship Committee: Ann Dutton is working with Peggy Lowry on the HMGA Handbook section describe the duties of the Scholarship Committee. The committee will be offering one scholarship to a horticulture student for the second semester.

MG Education Fair:

Finance:

Hospitality:

Communication:

Membership: Barry reported from Beverley Cochrane that membership is at 85.

Extension Report:

Old Business:

New Business: Barry opened a discussion for providing the Advanced Training Committee with funds to bring in stronger speakers, who would not otherwise be available to us. Since the Extension Office is ultimately responsible for training, and already provides funds for refreshments, it was decided to solicit funds from there.

In response to several HMGA members' request for access to the monthly Business Meeting Minutes, Carol Baker will ask Jody Taggart to include those on the HMGA website.

The next Board meeting will be at 1:00pm on October 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. by Barry Hayes.

Attending: Barry Hayes, Carol Baker, Joyce Brannon, Judy Burton, Faye Derkits, Peggy Lowry, Grace Harrison, Jim Smith, Doug Green, Pat Baskind, Ann Dutton, Marty Vaughan, Caroline Lockerby.

Carol Baker, Recording Secretary