

Henrico Master Gardener Association Board Meeting

Minutes: December 7, 2011

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Barry Hayes at 1:01 p.m.

Minutes: The previous month's Association 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 \$4,755.27 in the checking account and \$4,170.10 in two CDs for a total of \$8,925.37 at the end of November. We received \$62 from JMG sale of wildlife guides. One CD has been renewed at a rate of .40% with a maturity date of 4/29/2012.

1st Vice President: Caroline Lockerby had nothing to report.

2nd Vice President: Marty Vaughan reported through Barry that everything is ready for Advanced Training.

Corresponding Secretary: Gladys Bowles reported that cards have been sent to Jackie Dean and Betty Wood, and she will be sending cards to Jim Smith and Jim Miller. Gladys also sent a Thank You card to Grace Harrison.

Master Gardening Training: Grace Harrison reported that 20 applicants have been accepted into the Master Gardener program as interns. Facilitator training will begin soon, and mentors are being assigned. A new form has been developed to help interns plan out their required hours. Interns may be required to volunteer 4 hours at either Armour House or the Lewis Ginter Plant Sale.

Helpline:

Plant Clinics:

Service, Recognition and Historical: Joyce Brannon reported that she had made an album showing everyone who has been profiled in the Newsletter. Patty Campbell has an article in Henrico Citizen, which Joyce will try to get a copy of. Helpers for next week's Reception were recruited from those at today's meeting.

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

JMG:

Special Events: Judy Burton reported that we will be represented at the Home Show in March, but not at the Maymont show.

Scholarship Committee: Ann Dutton reported that the committee is waiting until after the first of the year to make their scholarship selection.

MG Education Fair:

Finance:

Hospitality: Peggy Lowry reported that refreshments are almost ready for next week's Reception.

Communication:

Membership: Beverly Cochrane reported we now have 90 members, including 13 from the intern class. She will be sending notices to those members who still owe \$15 for next year's dues.

Extension Report: Lisa Sanderson reported that recertification documents and final time sheets are done. She has ordered more tattoos for JMG and is teaching her last JMG class today. Pest Management Guides were not ordered for this year's class, but they will be getting the improved 2012 PMG. There was a brief discussion of ways to ensure that interns get their required hours in to graduate. Suggestions included more involvement with mentors, such as moving the second mentor/trainee luncheon to later in the year, outside training period, and having a mentor and their trainee working on same project.

Old Business:

New Business: Plans for 2012 were briefly discussed. Preparation for the Lewis Ginter Spring Plan Sale should be started in January. Next year's budget must be ready for the Board to review in May. A nominating committee needs to be formed, with one member from the Board included.

The next Board meeting will be at 1:00pm on January 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m. by Barry Hayes.

Attending: Barry Hayes, Carol Baker, Joyce Brannon, Ann Dutton, Doug Green, Peggy Lowry, Caroline Lockerby, Gladys Bowles, Lisa Sanderson, Grace Harrison, Beverley Cochrane, Judy Burton

Carol Baker, Recording Secretary