

Henrico Master Gardener Association Board Meeting

Minutes: November 2, 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 \$4,693.27 in the checking account and \$4,166.96 in two CDs, for a total of \$8,860.23 at the end of October. A 6 Month CD has matured and will be re-invested. The Junior Master Gardeners donated \$82 of income from the sale of wildlife field guides.

1st Vice President: Barry reported for Caroline Lockerby that Grace Harrison will be speaking on plant propagation at next Wednesday's Association meeting.

2nd Vice President: Marty Vaughan reported that speaker confirmation letters have been sent out, and a follow-up letter will be sent in December. All Advanced Training dates have been scheduled.

Corresponding Secretary: Gladys Bowles sent a thank you note to last month's speaker, Clare Terry from Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens.

Master Gardening Training: Grace Harrison reported that 25 applications have been received. The Extension office will be making appointments next week for one-on-one interviews with the applicants. A portable lapel mike has been purchased for speakers.

Helpline:

Plant Clinics:

Service, Recognition and Historical: Joyce Brannon circulated one newspaper notice of recruitment for interns.

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

JMG: Faye Derkits reported that on October 14, a group of pre-school teachers was shown how to make worm bins for their classrooms. On November 15, there will be a container gardening class for pre-schoolers at Ridge Elementary.

Special Events: Barry reported for Judy Burton that there are no more special events scheduled for this year.

Scholarship Committee: Ann Dutton reported that the committee reviewed horticulture schools in Virginia, and will be working with David Seward, the horticulture department head at J. Sergeant Reynolds. Further committee work will continue after the holidays, when a 2nd year student will be awarded a scholarship for next fall. There was a brief discussion regarding continued funding for the scholarship fund.

MG Education Fair:

Finance:

Hospitality:

Communication: Patty Campbell reported that her committee focused this year on the horticulture helpline, social media, and recruiting. The committee may offer an internet and social media seminar for HMGA members, to help promote an interactive website. The Henrico Citizen publication now includes a regular HMG column.

Membership:

Extension Report: Lisa Sanderson reported that she is teaching a Middle School class on plant anatomy and processes. The Sustainable Landscape Design class is still being taught. The Diagnostic class received a favorable response, and may be repeated next year.

Old Business:

New Business: Barry led a discussion of additional ways to raise funds. Suggestions were made to sell gloves, offer garden tours, and continue to sell field guides. It was noted that fund raising is a function of the Finance committee, which is currently not active.

The next Board meeting will be at 1:00pm on December 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. by Barry Hayes.

Attending: Barry Hayes, Carol Baker, Joyce Brannon, Faye Derkits, Ann Dutton, Doug Green, Peggy Lowry, Gladys Bowles, Patty Campbell, Marty Vaughan, Lisa Sanderson, Grace Harrison

Carol Baker, Recording Secretary