

Henrico Master Gardener Association Board Meeting

Minutes: January 4, 2012

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Barry Hayes at 1:02 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 \$4,971.84 in the checking account and \$4,174.28 in two CDs for a total of \$9,146.12 at the end of December. A donation of \$100 was sent to the Henrico Christmas Mother Fund.

1st Vice President:

2nd Vice President: Marty Vaughan reported that reminders have been sent to Advanced Training speakers; she will get details on what speakers may need for their presentation. Marty will speak to Angela about getting Extension money for speaker gifts; if that is not available, Doug confirmed there is money in the MG budget for gifts.

Corresponding Secretary: Gladys Bowles sent cards to Jim Miller, Carol Barrows, and Lisa Sanderson's daughter, Gabby. A card will be sent to Deborah Pitts' family.

Master Gardening Training: Grace Harrison reported that speaker gifts are ready, trainee mentors have been assigned and the kick-off luncheon is being planned. Two more facilitators are still needed. Facilitator training is scheduled for January 10.

Helpline:

Plant Clinics:

Service, Recognition and Historical: Joyce Brannon circulated pictures from the December reception. Jody Taggart volunteered to get a copy of Deborah Pitts' obituary.

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

JMG: Faye Derkits reported that she and several other committee members went to John Marshall HS in December and worked with special needs students. In April, the JMG will be participating in a fair at Colonial Trail Elementary School, and in May, Faye will lead a class at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens for teachers. Faye requested a JMG sign/banner to be used at special events; Lisa will be looking into that. Faye also mentioned that it would be helpful to have an updated MG directory.

Special Events: Judy Burton reported that she will have a sign up sheet in February for the March Home Show.

Scholarship Committee: Ann Dutton reported that her committee will resume work once the Mentor Luncheon is over.

MG Education Fair:

Finance:

Hospitality: Peggy Lowry is lining up people for meeting refreshments.

Communication: Jody Taggart reported that she is collecting information and content for the next newsletter, which will be going out in early February. At Doug's suggestion, she will include a list of the benefits of MG Association membership.

Membership:

Extension Report: Lisa Sanderson reported she is working on her year-end report.

Old Business:

New Business: Barry mentioned that it will soon be budget time, and committee chairs should begin thinking about their needs. The proposed budget will be presented to the Board in May, then voted on at the annual membership meeting in June.

We need to begin planning for the spring Lewis Ginter Plant Sale. Barry will check with Nancy Penick and Inge Becker to see if they are willing to chair that event again. He will also check with John Simmons regarding items to sell.

Barry asked the Board to begin thinking about a chair for the nominating committee.

Due to upcoming Advanced Training, the February 1 and March 7 Board meetings will be moved to 11:30. Because of the CVNLA symposium on February 8, there will be no Association meeting in February. The next Association meeting will be March 14.

The next Board meeting will be at 11:30 pm on February 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m. by Barry Hayes.

Attending: Barry Hayes, Carol Baker, Joyce Brannon, Judy Burton, Faye Derkits, Pat Baskind, Grace Harrison, Ann Dutton, Jim Smith, Jody Taggart, Doug Green, Peggy Lowry, Marty Vaughan, Lisa Sanderson, Gladys Bowles

Carol Baker, Recording Secretary