

Henrico Master Gardener Association Meeting

Minutes: February 2, 2011

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

1st Vice President: Barry Hayes reported for Sandra Walton that her next scheduled program will be the April hypertufa workshop at Armour House given by Mary Vetrovec.

2nd Vice President: Barry Hayes reported for Grace Harrison that four of the advanced training speakers have asked for mileage reimbursement. Beverly Cochrane motioned that we reimburse, at 50c./mile, any advanced training speaker who asks. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hawkes will send cards to Doug Green and Ann Dutton.

Master Gardening Training: Barry Hayes reported that he attended the first two 2011 Intern training classes and that the training went well.

Helpline:

Plant Clinics:

Communications: Jody Taggart reported that the latest newsletter has been sent and that extras were given to Interns in yesterday's training class. Jody asked if we are interested in an article with a tally by year of active master gardeners. The Board agreed that this would be a good addition to the newsletter.

Service, Recognition and Historical:

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

JMG: Faye Derkits reported that they have a pre-school event in March and that they will be at St. Catherines for eight weeks starting in March. In May they will be working with Lewis Ginter on a training program.

Special Events: Judy Burton reported that she had trouble getting enough volunteers for the Maymont Flower and Home Show and that she still has one open space on Saturday night. A sign up sheet will be available for the spring Home Show (March 4-6) at

next week's meeting. Judy has not heard from Strange's which usually requests help for a spring event.

Scholarship Committee:

MG Education Fair: Barry Hayes reported that the spring Lewis Ginter plant sale is coming up in April (Thursday - Sunday). He will call a meeting soon to discuss our involvement in this event and to begin planning for classes. Currently, Barry is assuming that we will follow the design of the 2010 fall event. Faye Derkits suggested that we probably should do a JMG tent on Saturday only since children will be in school on Friday.

Finance:

Hospitality: Peggy Lowry reported that she thought the December reception went very well and was maybe the best ever. She is all set for the advanced training meetings.

Membership: Beverly Cochrane reported that membership is at 92.

The upcoming VMGA meeting is at Maymont in the Stone Barn on February 12th and anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

Extension Report:

Old Business:

New Business: Barry Hayes reported that Gwen Hipp will continue to fill the helpline job until someone is found to replace her. The Association and Extension is looking for a replacement.

Barry Hayes mentioned that we may want to start planning for a 2011 bus trip. Ideas from the Board included the Philadelphia Flower Show, the National Arboretum or Andre Viette's. The Board agreed that the time of year for the trip is not as important as the destination. The Board also thought that we could pursue a one day trip and a second longer trip for those interested.

The next two Board meetings, on March 2 and April 6, will be at 11:30am because of the advanced training sessions at 1:00 on the same days.

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

Attending: Vickie Bell, Judy Burton, Beverly Cochrane, Faye Derkits, Theresa Hawkes
Barry Hayes, Peggy Lowry, Jody Taggart

Vickie Bell, Recording Secretary