

Henrico Master Gardener Association Meeting

Minutes: October 6, 2010

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: Doug Green reported that we had \$3,364.22 in the checking account at the end of September. We also have \$6,337.80 in three CDs for a total of \$9,702.02. September expenses included speakers expenses, the Maymont plant sale tent and the Monticello tour and bus deposit.

Doug reported that no money was budgeted for the Junior Master Gardeners (JMGs) this year. They did receive a gift from the Garden Clubs but normally would have also received money from the Association. Doug moved that we amend the budget to give JMGs \$300.00 for the year. The motion was seconded by Peggy Lowry and approved by the Board.

1st Vice President: Sandra Walton reported that in October, Carolyn Sullivan and her sister, Marty Proctor, will present on hydrangeas. In November, John and Carolyn Coe will present on winter birds in your garden. Sandra will be doing a newsletter announcement for the December meeting and graduation ceremony.

2nd Vice President: Lisa Sanderson reported for Grace Harrison that the survey on advanced training has officially closed and an additional session has been added as a result of the survey. The added session will be on diagnostics which will include viruses, other diseases, insects, etc. and will be done on November 16th, 17th and 19th from 9 - 12:30am.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hawkes reported that a card will be sent to Irene Pittman after her surgery. Peggy Lowry mentioned that the father of a former master gardener, Robert Walser, died and a card will be sent.

Master Gardening Training: Jim Smith reported that we have received eight applications for the 2011 intern training class. All applications will be evaluated on November 1st and then one-on-one interviews will be done. Final selections will be done by November 15th and notification to candidates will be done on November 19th. All of the class speakers have been confirmed. There will be a luncheon added in February for trainees and mentors and will be scheduled at a later date.

Helpline:

Plant Clinics: Lisa Sanderson reported that Extension purchased new boxes for clinic materials.

Communications:

Service, Recognition and Historical: Joyce Brannon reported on several newspaper clippings concerning master gardeners.

S.M.A.R.T. Lawns & Tree Smarts: Lisa Sanderson reported that we had 75 S.M.A.R.T. Lawn enrollments in 2010 and that the last reports are going out by tomorrow. Jim Smith reported that we finished our third class in the new Tree Smarts training class and that we are still getting requests for consultations.

JMG: Faye Derkits reported that they had 211 children at the Science Museum fair. The State Fair went well and they had 3,375 people in one day.

The JMGs are currently helping to teach the wildlife class at Armour House to 12 students. An event will be held at Short Pump Elementary school, making worm bins. Also, three events are scheduled at John Marshall High School working with special needs students. On November 20th, there will be a session at Confederate Hills recreation center. There will also be events held at Armour House and Arthur Ashe Elementary school with Elaine Olay.

Special Events: Judy Burton reported that there will be a sign-up sheet for the Maymont show at the November meeting. If you worked last year, you will not be able to sign up in November. If slots are not filled, you can sign up in December.

Scholarship Committee:

MG Education Fair: Barry Hayes asked for comments on the Lewis Ginter education fair and commented that he thought the event went well. He also thanked Theresa Hawkes for her work on the event. Overall attendance at the fair seemed light and Faye Derkits reported that there were few children at the JMG tent and that the vermicomposting class was poorly attended. If we do this event next year, it may not be worth having a Friday JMG table. Lisa Sanderson added that the numbers were low but that many of our classes were full or nearly full. She also felt that everything went well.

Finance:

Hospitality:

Membership: Beverly Cochrane reported that 88 members have renewed and 30 have not renewed.

Extension Report: Lisa Sanderson reported that there will be another session for plastic pot recycling at Stranges this weekend if anyone is available to volunteer.

Old Business: Barry Hayes reported for Flo Griggs that we have 30 people signed up for the October 20th bus trip to Monticello. Seats will now be made available to non-members and Lisa Sanderson will send out an e-mail to invite others.

Beverly Cochrane reported that the Virginia Master Gardener Association (VMGA) February meeting will be held on the 13th at Maymont's Stone Barn. Beverly needs volunteers to help that day in the morning, at lunch time and/or for clean-up at 2:00pm. Central Virginia Waste Management donated bags for goodie bags and she is collecting items to go in the bags. Beverly asked the Association for reimbursement of expenses for food, cups, and other items that may go over the amount covered by the lunch fee. The amount should be in the range of \$40-50. Doug Green moved to provide reimbursement for the expenses, Judy Burton seconded and the Board approved the motion.

New Business: Barry Hayes confirmed meeting dates for next year. Board meetings will be on the first Wednesday of each month, Association meetings will continue on the second Wednesdays. The 2011 dates for both meetings will be on the website.

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

Attending: Pat Baskind, Vickie Bell, Joyce Brannon, Judy Burton, Beverly Cochrane, Faye Derkits, Doug Green, Theresa Hawkes, Barry Hayes, Peggy Lowry, Lisa Sanderson, Jim Smith, Sandra Walton

Vickie Bell, Recording Secretary