

Henrico Master Gardener Association Meeting

Minutes: September 1, 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 \$3,846.12 in the checking account on August 31st. We also have \$6,337.80 in three CDs for a total of \$10,183.92. Upcoming expenses will include items for the Maymont plant sale tent and for the bus trip to Monticello.

1st Vice President: Sandra Walton reported that Janie Vincent will present slides on Pat Remley's trip to the Galapagos in September. In October, Carolyn Sullivan will present on hydrangeas and in November John Coe will present on birds.

2nd Vice President: Grace Harrison reported that the final survey date has passed and that she and Lisa will meet to look at the results and to finalize classes. She and Lisa will also send out the re-certification forms later this year.

Corresponding Secretary:

Master Gardening Training: Barry Hayes reported for Jim Smith that 11 speakers have been confirmed for Intern training. The committee is waiting to hear from four others and they are searching for a qualified speaker on Basic Botany. Jim is asking for Association members to sign up to be facilitators and/or mentors. The next meeting of the committee is September 9th.

Helpline: Peggy Lowry reported that Gwen Hipp has at least one person signed up for each day in September to man the helpline.

Plant Clinics:

Communications: Barry Hayes reported for Jody Taggart that upcoming events were updated on the website.

Service, Recognition and Historical: Joyce Brannon circulated one of the history albums that she has created. Time sheets are coming in slowly.

S.M.A.R.T. Lawns:

JMG: Faye Derkits reported that on Monday they had 80 children at Goddard school to do a program on birds where they made pine-cone bird feeders. Last Tuesday Faye

met with Lisa about the upcoming home school classes at Armour House and six of the committee members will be teaching those classes. The JMG's will be at the VGIC fair and the Maymont show in September and at the State Fair in October.

Special Events: Judy Burton reported that there are two events in the fall. The VGIC Garden Festival is at the Science Museum on September 11th and Judy has all but one slot filled. There will be a \$3.00 entry fee to the festival this year.

MGs will have a booth at the State Fair on October 2nd. Judy has been e-mailing people to work from 10-6 on that day and she will have a sheet at next week's Association meeting for people to sign up for the shift.

Scholarship Committee: Ann Dutton reported that the committee met on August 6th to develop a letter to potential applicants, an application and a job description. The new MG application was used to develop an application. In addition to getting free MG training, the selected candidate will get their garden plot free. The announcement letter will be sent first to people with garden plots and then to Henrico County residents if we do not have enough responses.

MG Education Fair: Barry Hayes reported that planning is going well for the Maymont fair and that all speakers have been scheduled. Also, tents and tables have been arranged. There is a meeting next Wednesday before the Association meeting to finalize planning.

Finance:

Hospitality:

Membership: Beverly Cochrane reported that 85 members have renewed, including 14 Interns. Beverly also reported that we are hosting the VMGA meeting in February and that it will probably be held at Maymont.

Extension Report:

Old Business: Barry Hayes reported for Flo Griggs on the October 20th bus trip to Monticello. The bus will leave from the Henrico government complex at 8:00 a.m. There will be a guided tour of the Monticello gardens and a house tour is available for an extra charge. Lunch will be available at the cafe. After Monticello, there will be a visit to Tufton farms where research on historic plants is conducted. About 3:30 the bus will go to Ivy Nursery and then return by 6:30 or 7:00 p.m. Beverly Cochrane moved and Judy Burton seconded to set the cost for Association members at \$15.00 and \$25.00 for non-members. The motion was passed. In addition, attendees will be asked to chip in a small amount to tip the bus driver. Checks should be made out to HMGA and turned in at the office by October 10th. Seats will be made available to non-members on October 1st.

New Business:

The meeting was adjourned at 1: 35 p.m. by Barry Hayes

Attending: Pat Baskind, Vickie Bell, Joyce Brannon, Judy Burton, Beverly Cochrane, Faye Derkits, Ann Dutton, Doug Green, Grace Harrison, Theresa Hawkes, Barry Hayes, Peggy Lowry, Sandra Walton

Vickie Bell, Recording Secretary