

**HMGA BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
June 3, 2009**

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Ann Dutton at 1:05 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes had previously been received by all board members and committee chair members, and were approved.

**Reports from Committees/ Officers:**

**Treasurer:** Beverly Cochrane reported \$1,497.21 in the checking account and \$6,000 in CDs.

**Vice President:**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Erica Gilliam reported that she is working on next year's programs. Mary E. may do a hypertufa class if there is interest. It will tentatively be held at Deep Run Park on Ridgefield Parkway. Lisa Sanderson will talk with Colesville Nursery about a trip/class in October, 2009.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:

**Corresponding Secretary:** Ann reported for Shelby Earehart who had sent a get well card to Tatter Hartmann.

**Master Gardener Training:** Jim Smith reported that he will get with the committee to decide on instructors and classes in July.

**Helpline:**

**Communications:**

**Service and Recognition:** Joyce Brannon passed around a picture of Tom Fifer whose article on bees was featured in Style Weekly on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**S.M.A.R.T. Lawns:** Teddy Martin reported that it is down right now.

**JMG:** Faye Derkits reported they were finished with Crestview, St. Andrews and Armour House. Lakeside is also finished. They did preschool at Ridge School.

**Special Events:**

**Finance:** John Simmonds went over the budget. Mary E. made a motion to accept the budget as amended, which was seconded and approved.

**Hospitality:**

**Extension Report:** Teddy said he has samples of our MG shirts in the office and they will be about \$3-4 more than before. Lisa passed around pictures of Ray Clemons' garden as a possible inclusion in a garden tour.

**Membership:** Beverly reported six interns and 20 renewals thus far.

**Old Business:** John Sartin reported that food vendors are locked in. Mike Lockett has been contacted. Procedures for expenses are done. They still need a chair for the Green Elephant sale. Brochures are ready to send to VA Tech for printing.

**New Business:** Beverly said she was sent a tax exempt card from Staples to be used for the Harvest Fair. Grace clarified that any MG for Henrico can get tax exemption at Staples by using the extension office number.

All committee chairs should give an oral and written report summarizing the past year's work

Jim Brobst sent a report stating that April and May plant clinics went very well. His committee is planning on Home Depot at Horsepen/Broad in September.

Lisa brought up Betty Gillelan who has to drop out. There was discussion about emeritus status for her, but a member needs 1,000 hours to be eligible.

**In Attendance:** Peggy Lowry, Joyce Brannon, Ann Dutton, Beverly Cochrane, John Sartin, Judy Burton, Mary E. Vetrovec, Lisa Sanderson, Jim Smith, John Simmonds, Teddy Martin, Brenda Orton, Erica Gilliam, Pat Baskind, Faye Derkits and Grace Harrison.

The meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Brenda Orton, Recording Secretary