

Henrico Master Gardener Association Board Meeting

Minutes: March 2, 2011

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Barry Hayes at 11:30 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, at the end of February, the Association had \$2,212.11 in the checking account and \$6,344.33 in three CDs for a total of \$8,556.44. Doug also presented an update on the budget showing the 2011 plan and the three items that we added to the budget which include the JMG amendment of \$300.00, the Christmas mother fund (\$100.00) and the donation for JMGs from the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs for \$370.00.

1st Vice President: Sandra Walton reported that her next scheduled program will be the April hypertufa workshop at Armour House given by Mary Vetrovec. There will be a brown bag lunch before the event and Sandra will have more details for next week's Association meeting.

The annual plant swap and luncheon is in May and will be held at Pat and Hugh Greene's house. Sandra will have more details and a volunteer sign-up sheet at next week's Association meeting. The Association annual meeting is in June and the July and August meetings are still open. Sandra is working on programs on container gardening and daffodils for those months. In September we are scheduled to have a program on Gillette gardens and Grace Harrison will present on seed propagation in October. Several members have requested a program on Lewis Ginter so Sandra is working on that program.

2nd Vice President:

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hawkes reported that she has sent cards to Harold Huey, Doug Green and Ann Dutton's husband, Bob.

Master Gardening Training: Jim Smith reported that the training committee has planned a second Intern/ Mentor luncheon on March 22nd. To date, sixteen (16) Mentors have indicated that they will attend in addition to 5 training committee members, for a total of 43 people (including Interns). Jim requested, in a motion, that the Association approve money for pizza for the lunch, not to exceed \$150.00. Judy Burton seconded and the board approved the motion.

Helpline:

Plant Clinics:

Service, Recognition and Historical: Joyce will be speaking to the Interns tomorrow about time sheets. Betty Gillelan's family donated her MG information, including a couple of reference books to the Association.

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

JMG: Faye Derkits reported that they worked with 64 children yesterday at Three Chopt Presbyterian Church. They will be doing programs 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 has a full slate of volunteers for this weekend's spring Home Show (March 4-6).

Judy questioned whether we should consider not participating in next year's Maymont Flower and Home Show. The show costs the Association and Extension about \$250 and it seems that the attendance and number of contacts is decreasing. Lisa Sanderson will get this year's contact reporting forms and we will table this discussion until a later meeting.

Scholarship Committee:

MG Education Fair: Julie Abbot reported that the spring Lewis Ginter plant sale is coming up in April 28-30 (Thursday - Sunday). Barry will send an e-mail to put together a planning committee.

Finance:

Hospitality:

Communication:

Membership:

Extension Report:

Old Business:

New Business: John Simmonds reported that we have no signs for the booths that we have at various events. John moved that we organize a group of 2-3 people to develop a display sign that reflects what we do as an Association and present the plan to the Board. Doug Green seconded and the Board approved the motion.

Barry Hayes reported that John Sartin had mentioned that this is the Association's 30th anniversary. Barry asked if the Board was interested in some form of celebration to

observe the event. The Board suggested that we plan a celebration for the June annual meeting.

Barry also mentioned that Mary Vetrovec had suggested going to the Norfolk Botanical Garden for the azalea bloom and that Beverly Cochrane had suggested a later visit when the roses and hydrangeas are in bloom. Beverly also offered to provide information for the trip if we are interested. Barry will contact Beverly about pursuing a visit.

Barry suggested a Board retreat to discuss Association business and future plans. The Board agreed that we should pursue the idea so Barry asked Board members to suggest possible agenda items for the retreat. We will have more discussion about the retreat at the April Board meeting.

Joyce asked that the membership committee call MGs who have not provided time to Joyce in several months. Lisa Sanderson suggested that it should be her that calls and that she would probably not call until a longer time period has elapsed. Lisa and Joyce will look at the sheets to see who is active and who is not.

The next Board meeting, on April 6, will be at 11:30am because of the advanced training session at 1:00 on the same day.

The meeting was adjourned at 12: 25 p.m. by Barry Hayes

Attending: Julie Abbot, Pat Baskind, Vickie Bell, Joyce Brannon, Judy Burton, Beverly Cochrane, Faye Derkits, Doug Green, Grace Harrison, Theresa Hawkes, Barry Hayes, Peggy Lowry, Lisa Sanderson, John Simmonds, Jim Smith, Jody Taggart

Vickie Bell, Recording Secretary