

**HMGA BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
October 1, 2008**

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Ann Dutton at 1:08 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes were read and approved as amended.

Reports from Committees/ Officers:

Treasurer: Beverly Cochrane reported \$2,835.10 in the checking account. Membership is at 84.

Vice President:

1st Vice President: Erica Gilliam reported on the field trip to The Great Big Greenhouse on Wednesday, October 8th. A reminder will be sent out to the membership. Bonnie Pega will speak on bulbs. Anne Little, President of The Virginia Bluebird Society, will be the speaker in November.

2nd Vice President: Suzanne Pericle is to meet with her committee soon.

Corresponding Secretary: Shelby Earehart reported that Pat Brodie was sent a thank you note. A card was sent to June Walker.

Master Gardener Training: Holly Hartley reported after checking with Teddy Martin 12 applications have been received so far for the MG class of 2009.

Helpline: Ann Dutton reported for Gwen Hipp. There are a few spots remaining for October to be filled. Ruth Wilson will be the reminder for those who volunteer for the helpline. Sandy Ashworth will keep the helpline room orderly.

Communications:

Service and Recognition: Joyce Brannon passed around newspaper clippings on Smart Lawn and other classes planned through the extension office.

S.M.A.R.T. Lawns: Teddy Martin reported 96 enrollees. He also expressed appreciation for the team captains and volunteers for all their help this year.

JMG: Faye Derkits reported on two fairs: Richmond Home Schoolers at the Science Museum and the Virginia Green Festival. They are working with the Lewis Ginter children's garden and working with 4th graders at Lakeside. Erica made a request for large plastic containers to make terrariums at the Henrico Harvest Fair.

Special Events: Judy Burton reported the need for one more person for the state fair slot of 6 to 10 p.m. In the future, Judy will make an appeal for men volunteers for evening hour events.

Finance:

Hospitality:

Extension Report:

Old Business: Sally Stockslager reported 23 registrations. Jim Smith passed around the Proclamation from the Extension Leadership Council, highlighting the MG volunteers. The official Proclamation is posted in the extension office. Beverly sent a \$20 check to Mike Lockatell for the book that was not previously paid for.

New Business: Joyce will bring statistics on MG retention for the past 5 years to the next board meeting. Joyce requested newspaper articles be given to her in case she misses them.

In Attendance: Peggy Lowry, Joyce Brannon, Holly Hartley, Sally Stockslager, Beverly Cochrane, Erica Gilliam, Brenda Orton, Ann Dutton, Teddy Martin, Suzanne Pericle, Judy Burton, Mary E. Vetovec, Faye Derkits, Shelby Earehart and Jim Smith.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:02 pm.

Reported by Brenda Orton, Recording Secretary