

# **Henrico Master Gardener Association Business Meeting**

## **Minutes: August 10, 2011**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Barry Hayes at 1:03 p.m.

**Minutes:** The previous month's Association meeting minutes have been reviewed and approved.

### **Reports from Committees and Officers**

**Treasurer:** Doug Green reported that the Association had a total of \$8,834.92 at the end of June. \$1,000 of that is designated for scholarships and \$350 is designated for Junior Master Gardeners.

**1st Vice President:** Caroline Lockerby reported the program speaker for today's meeting is Tom Smith, who will be speaking on Virginia Natural Heritage Program. In September, George Longest will speak on Gillette Gardens.

**2nd Vice President:** Marty Vaughan has several meetings scheduled with the Advanced Training committee, and is getting commitments from speakers.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Gladys Bowles reported that no cards were needed. She gave out her email address, gladysings@yahoo.com, which was not included in the yearbook.

**Master Gardening Training:** Grace Harrison is working on speaker gifts and will be handing out sign up sheets for facilitators. A brochure describing the training program has been created, to be passed out at HMG events.

**Helpline:**

**Plant Clinics:**

**Service, Recognition and Historical:** Joyce Brannon is collecting pictures and newspaper clippings about Master Gardeners.

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

**JMG:**

**Special Events:** Judy Burton reported that our next activity is at the Virginia Grow Green Festival on Sept. 24 at the Science Museum. We will be at the State Fair on Saturday, Oct. 8. Sign up sheets for both events were set out.

**Scholarship Committee:**

**Lewis Ginter Education:** Nancy Penick and Inga Becker are co-chairs of this new committee. During the Lewis Ginter Plant Sale, Master Gardeners will be conducting four on-going demos on making a cutting, pruning, composting and bulbs and container gardening. A sign-up sheet was circulated for volunteers for demos and for tent decorations.

**Finance:**

**Fundraising:** Tatter Hartman is heading up the Master Gardener Cookbook project and needs all categories of recipes by Nov. 9.

**Hospitality:** Peggy Lowry reported that today's refreshments were provided by Vickie Bell, Tatter Hartman and Ann Dutton.

**Communication:** Patty Campbell reported that 65 neighborhood associations have been contacted to include an item on HMG services in their newsletters. A brochure to recruit trainees has been created and is ready for distribution. A twitter account, henricomga, has been created.

**Membership:** Beverly Cochrane reported that there are 82 members. New yearbooks are available for members.

**Extension Report:** On Sept 26-28, the Extension Office admins will be out of town, and Lisa asked for Master Gardener volunteers to cover the morning and afternoon shifts at the front desk.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:** Volunteers are needed to man the Armour house diagnostic help desk.

The next Business meeting will be at 1:00pm on September 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m. by Barry Hayes.

Carol Baker, Recording Secretary