

Henrico Master Gardener Association Business Meeting

Minutes: November 9, 2011

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Barry Hayes at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes: The previous month's Business meeting minutes have been reviewed and approved. The last Business meeting minutes are on the website at Henricomga.org

Reports from Committees and Officers

Treasurer: Barry report for Doug Green that the Association had \$4,693.27 in the checking account and \$4,166.96 in two CDs, for a total of \$8,860.23 at the end of October. Income included \$82 from the Junior Master Gardeners from the sale of wildlife field guides, and \$63 in membership dues.

1st Vice President: Caroline Lockerby reported that Grace Harrison will be speaking today on plant propagation, and will also be showing a Henrico County produced video on the Master Gardener program. Caroline is working on a field trip for April.

2nd Vice President: Marty Vaughan reported that speaker confirmation letters have been sent out, and a follow-up letter will be sent in December. All Advanced Training dates have been scheduled.

Corresponding Secretary: Gladys Bowles reported that she sent get well wishes to Jackie Dean.

Master Gardening Training: Grace Harrison reported that the committee is doing one-on-one interviews with the 21 intern applicants this week. Facilitators and mentors for this year's class are needed.

Helpline:

Plant Clinics:

Service, Recognition and Historical: Joyce Brannon reminded members to submit their timesheets.

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

JMG: Faye Derkits reported that on November 15, there will be a container gardening class for pre-schoolers at Ridge Elementary.

Special Events: Judy Burton reported that there are no more special events scheduled for this year, and thanked members for their help at recent events.

Scholarship Committee: Ann Dutton reported that the committee reviewed horticulture schools in Virginia, and will be working with David Seward, the horticulture department head at J. Sergeant Reynolds. Further committee work will continue after the holidays, when a 2nd year student will be awarded a \$250 scholarship for next fall.

MG Education Fair:

Finance: Tatter Hartman reported that the deadline for Cookbook recipes has been extended for another week. The Cookbook committee will be meeting next week to discuss publishing options and to review recipes.

Hospitality: Peggy Lowry reported that refreshments today were provided by Gladys Bowles, Carol Baker and Jackie Dean. Members were reminded to pick up yearbooks. A sign up sheet for refreshments for next year was circulated.

Communication: Sandra Walton reported that the committee will be meeting tomorrow to plan a class on technology and social media for Master Gardeners.

Membership:

Extension Report: Lisa Sanderson reported that she is teaching a Middle School class on plant anatomy and processes, and the Sustainable Landscape Design class is still being taught. The Diagnostic class received a favorable response, and may be repeated next year. Master Gardener timesheets are due by December 31. The year end reception will be held on December 14, from 3:00 – 5:00.

Old Business:

New Business: Barry suggested moving the year end reception to December 7 and asked for feedback. Because of the planning required, and the early notice of the date already given to the interns, it was decided to stay with the original date of December 14.

THE HMGA does not hold a business meeting in December or January. The next Business meeting will be at 1:00 pm on February 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m. by Barry Hayes.

Carol Baker, Recording Secretary