

**Master Gardeners of Bergen County  
Executive Board Meeting ~ March 23, 2010**

The Master Gardener meeting was called to order by President Jane Furman @ 5:30. and she thanked everyone who worked on preparing for the Freeholders meeting. Jane said she and Janet Austin and Cliff Gerenz spoke at the meeting citing what the Master Gardeners contribute to the county, and asking support for the RCE budget.

She reminded the board that as information and issues arise, they should be passed along to the board member that handles that area. Eg. Newsletter, Leslie, outreach, Karen etc.

State has a Presidents Award and Jane wants to institute a President's award for a Master gardener who has been of special help to the president. This year Virginia Korteweg would be the recipient for 2009.

Treas. Report: Richard reported everything is in order and the bank TD North, only requires one signature on check. There will be an announcement at the general meeting concerning Finance Comm.

Class Liason: Olga reports class is excited for 4H fair and there will be displays of pressed flowers, composting, native plants, hort therapy, soil testing etc. Tracy reported spider plants are ready for the planting table. This year we will have food and a club tent. We do own two tents and may look into purchasing small ones.

State: Barbara reported that work is being done on Fall Conference. Steve Handel has been chosen as one of the speakers. Oct. 2 is the date of the Fall Conference.

Presby and Brookside gardens are being subsidized by the county. The Master Gardener program is being restructured of policies and procedures at state level.

Outreach: April 24, Cresskill Earth Fest, Green Day in Rutherford April 10 in Riveredge June 12. Rutherford would like M G help.

Garden Club Liason: Annual garden club meeting is being planned. Susan Gurak will gather info from garden clubs.

Hospitality: We will have instant coffee and tea.

Joseph Cooper: We need a site coordinator at the Hermitage. He will have a meeting with Joel Flagler about sites for volunteering. Our website now contains .org

Newsletter: Leslie has started to send out mid-month updates. She will include a list of the remaining meetings until in the next issue.

Programs: Tracey will arrange a fundraiser at Bill Kolvek's in mid May 16 or 23. It will be on a Sunday. Janet Schultz have offered their gardens for garden tours. Dates will be chosen. Sally Ditton and

Speakers Bureau: Joe Lamela will take over committee for a few months.

Sunshine: no report

Minutes were accepted.

Meeting MG :Give Tracey feedback on master gardener meeting space. Pins for years and volunteer hours being discussed.MG Wear: Karen will come up with t shirts, use MG logo with Rutgers logo.

MG picnic: Possibly June 10-22 no date yet. Jane will look for location.

MG Fair: Tracey booked Rick Mikula and MG will pay for 1 day ,motion passed unanimously to fund 1 day.

MG annual report to be submitted to State before April state meeting. Highlight certain people or projects or winners for Award for Excellence name, site event.. Jane nominated Joseph Cooper Tracey seconded. We are discussed sites: Washington Spring in Van Saun, Garretson. Vote will be by E mail. Any other nominations and Vote will be by E mail. We will not give students name list to sites. If someone from the volunteer site goes to class they can get contact info. When directory comes out everyone will have the student contacts.

Walter will take orders for badges as soon as he finds out correct price by next month's meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:20 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Vivian DeMarco

Recording Secretary

Attendance Sheet:

Vivian DeMarco, Pat Knight, Walter Traubel, Lucy Malka, Leslie Maltz,Carol Tutundgy, Jim Jackson, Irene Jackson, Richard Hild, Barb Johannsson, Tracy Fraser, Olga Barnes, Jane Furman, Andrea Kanoc, Janet Austin, Joseph Cooper