

**Master Gardeners of Bergen County
Executive Board Meeting ~ April 27, 2010**

Attendees:

Pat Knight, Walter Traubel, Lucy Malka, Leslie Maltz, Carol Tutundgy, Joe Lamela, Olga Barnes, Richard Hild, Sally Ditton, Tracy Fraser, Jane Furman, Karen Pennell, Janet Jaarsma

The Master Gardener meeting was called to order by President Jane Furman at 5:45pm. Minutes were accepted.

Jane announced that the Freeholders' resolution has arrived and was passed around for the Board to see. She will present it to Joel Flagler next week. The County Executive will likely visit our meeting either tonight or next time.

Everyone present introduced themselves and their role.

Joe Lamella will be filling in for Janet Austin as head of the Speakers Bureau for the next six months while she is in Europe.

Directory

Cliff's membership committee seems to have vanished and needs to be reconstituted. Leslie Maltz will complete the directory for this year. Bert Taylor was identified to be the vice chair of membership to assist.

MG Discounts

Board members were asked to identify places where we have contacts to negotiate discounts for our membership. Board members should email Jane with places they will approach. We do not want multiple people to approach the same place.

MG Picnic

The MG Picnic will be held in August as a picnic/pool party. The proposed week is the week immediately following the Fair.

Barb Johansson suggested a plant sale as a fund raiser next year. This was approved and she needs a committee.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Richard reported that the State of NJ already thinks we are a non-profit organization. To avoid having personal addresses used for mailings such as banking statements, it was proposed and approved that we use a box in the Extension Office. This will be discussed with Joel Flagler.

Class Liaison: Olga reports the class was involved with the Earth Day event at Van Saun Perk. Photos will be available and sent to Sally for publicity and Leslie for the newsletter.

State: Budget cuts and conference planning are continuing.
Jane reported the Annual Report was submitted.

Outreach: Karen and Pat reported that everyone did a great job on Earth Day.
Also, signs and table cloths are available for events.

Garden Club Liaison: Lucy reported that a lot is happening including lots of plant sales.
A resolution was approved that we should have a plant sale next year.
There will be the annual meeting in June with the GC presidents and program chairs.

Hospitality: Janet reported that she is under budget so far this year.

Newsletter: Leslie requested any changes to email addresses, home addresses, or phone numbers before the directory goes to press. Also requested are farmer's market and plant sale locations, dates, and times. She will continue the electronic newsletter through the summer months if information is available, with a mid summer edition likely.

Joseph Cooper: Joseph wants to identify former members who aren't currently active. He is also exploring the Hermitage as a volunteer site.

Programs: Tracey indicated that information on garden tours will be in the newsletter. They will take place on Wednesdays. \$25 was approved for refreshments for each house.

Master Gardner Day at Bill Kolvek's will be on June 12 from 10am to 4pm. The event will be open to MG and garden club members. BK will donate 10% of MG and GC sales to our treasury. Walk throughs will be provided; one will be at 10:30am for the current MG class. The board approved \$100 donation for refreshments that day.

Meetings will be held at 1 Bergen through at least November.

Sally Ditton distributed meeting information which will be published in the newsletter.

Speakers Bureau: Joe Lamela will take over committee for a few months. Joe plans to develop MG units for speaker's bureau programs. He hopes to attract some volunteers. Janet Austin has a list of people who volunteered and their topics. He will attend the GC meeting in June.

Sunshine: nothing new

Pins will be ordered; they will be based on prior years of the rolls – 5, 10, 15, ... We will assume that the 25 volunteer hours requirement was met unless people can self report otherwise. Joseph will provide a newsletter article on the rules and standards for volunteer hours.

Karen Pennell will be working on having MG shirts for sale. The exact design will be determined.

The picnic is proposed for the week of Aug. 15.

Badges were discussed. The cost will be \$9 plus the cost of the lanyard. (Jane will bring hers to the next meeting)

MG Fair: Karen Pennell needs lots of volunteers to staff the activity. It will be a 2 day event.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:15 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,
Leslie Maltz