

Bergen County Master Gardeners
Board Meeting - September 27, 2011

The meeting was opened at 5:15 pm.

Present: Barb, Karen, Janet J., Sissel, Charles, Leslie, Lucy, Jane, Tracey, Hank, Joseph, Janet A., Laura. Also in attendance: Edith Wallace, Bylaws Committee Chair, and Carol Thielke, Nominating Committee Chair.

Absent: Walter, Cliff, Sally, Lois.

The minutes of the Board Meeting held on May 24, 2011 were approved.
(Motion by Karen, seconded by Joseph, and voted to accept by Board.)

The President informed that Dee Trezza has replaced Ellen Petrocelli as Chair of the Skylands Committee.

The Treasurer reported that our account currently shows a balance of \$10,575.60 with recent income of \$683.75 and recent expenditures of \$720.75.
(Motion by Leslie, seconded by Joseph, and report approved by Board.)

A careful review of the proposed Bylaws was conducted by Edith Wallace and some changes were suggested by various Board members. A motion was then made that the Board accept the new Bylaws with the changes suggested by the Executive Board on this date for distribution to the general membership as soon as possible, to be considered by the general membership at the October meeting, and voted upon at the November meeting. The motion, proposed by Janet A. and seconded by Hank was voted by the Board for approval. A fulsome thank you was extended to the committee which consisted of Edith as Chair and members Andrea Kanoc and Jane Furman.

Lucy then reported on the work of the committee assigned to determine and delineate activities eligible for continuing education hours. One addition was attached to the proposed guidelines and a motion was made by Leslie to accept the guidelines which Janet A. seconded and the Board voted to approve. These guidelines will now be sent on to the general membership, be placed on our website, and a copy placed in the upstairs office. A thank you was extended to Lucy and her committee: Joseph, and Karen.

Carol Thielke reported the proposed slate of officers for the 2011-2012 year as Karen Pennell, President; Joseph Cooper, Vice President; Janet Jaarsma, Recording Secretary; Charles Maietta, Corresponding Secretary; and Sissal Castelli, Treasurer. A motion was made by Janet Austin and seconded by Tracey to accept the slate that will be presented for a vote by the general membership at the November meeting. The motion carried. Thank you to Carol and her committee: Joan Pardi, Jane Furman, and Alternate Agnes Adler.

Jane, as State Rep., reported that the Fall Conference is scheduled for this Saturday and that there are a few places still open for any that may wish to attend. Also, a basket has been prepared for the raffle that attends the conference. Also, she proposed that the Board consider a memorial gift for Bud Korteweg, who, although not a member, has generously supported in many ways the ongoing efforts of gardeners in the area. A motion was made and carried that MGBC contribute a memorial gift of \$100.00 to the River Edge Beautification Committee. This motion was made by Tracey and seconded by Janet J.

Tracey, our Program Chair, then listed the speakers and programs for this year. She also sought the Board's permission to proceed with the monthly collection of grocery items to be distributed to area food banks.

Other questions and concerns: Where are the name tags that should now be distributed to those who purchased them? Barb and Leslie spoke briefly to the matter of membership renewal and collecting dues. And lastly, Joel Flagler's 25th Anniversary as a Rutgers Agricultural Agent is coming up; celebration suggestions, please.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15.