

# Master Gardeners of Bergen County Board of Directors Minutes of

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013

Meeting called to order by President Pennell at 5:40 PM.

Present at the meeting: K. Pennell, J. Cooper, A. Chang, H. Annunziata, S. Castelli, Cliff Gerenz, T. Fraser, B. Johansson, D. Karpel, J. Furman, L. Malka, J. Austin, Risa Marlen, Pat Fromm and J. Walters.

## **Presidents Report;**

Karen welcomed Pat Fromm and Risa Marlen to the meeting . Pat is replacing Laura on Community Outreach and Risa is taking over for Lois on the Trips and Tours Committee. Karen requested that all committee chairs submit an updated list of their committee members to her. This is in response to get some members for helping for projects that come up. Master Gardeners of Bergen County recognition of Award of Excellence, went to Lucy Malka and. Virginia Korteweg

The members earning 15 year pins for service, will receive them tonight. We anticipate about 7 of the 26 members to be here. Karen requested and was authorized to mail pins to recipients that could not attend this evening.

Friday May 31 we will be helping with snacks and plant sales at Bill Kolvek's nursery, 16 Desalvo Road Chestnut Ridge, NY from 10 AM to 2PM. Refreshments will be provided by Karen Skoglund. Sally, Sissel and Barbara have volunteered to help.

Virginia Korteweg is hosting an open house and cocktails on June 23th for the benefit of the New Jersey Botanical Gardens with a donation of \$50 per person. She would like to have the Bergen County Master Gardeners picnic shortly after that, so the tables and chairs can be used again. Virginia has offered to pay all expenses for this event.

The 4-H Fair September 28 and 29 will be the Bergen County Fair at Overpeck Park . A special meeting for volunteer participants will be held on September 24 at 1 Bergen Plaza.

Karen asked all Directors and Committee chairs to e-mail Leslie at her home with any articles that they want to submit for the potting shed. Please be reminded that only digital copies will be available during the summer months.

All chairpersons are asked to submit a list of members of their committees to Karen as soon as possible.

## **Vice President's Report**

Joseph was invited to speak to the class of 2013 to explain the volunteer reporting procedures, but there seems to be some misunderstanding with a few students. He asked Donna Karpel to review the procedures in her report to the class.

The new Public Address system should be arriving very soon.

## **Treasurers Report;**

Sissel reported an adjustment to April's report, The corrected balance on April 22, 2013 is \$12,769.48

Income was \$135.00 and Expenses were \$100.00 Leaving a balance of \$12,804.48

Minutes of the April 21st, 2013 meeting were approved and accepted, with no changes.

Committee Reports;

**Hospitality;** Hank Quite

**Programs;** Tracy September 24<sup>th</sup> , 7:30 PM Herbal Medicine by NYBG.

**Membership;** Cliff, Membership now at 181 still trickling in. Also wanted to thank the class of 2013 for a great job at Van Saun Park. Cliff wants everyone to know the butterfly tent and exhibit has been changed to an Australian theme with wallabies and other animals and exhibits.

**Outreach;** Pat. The Lyndhurst Street Fair, Kid friendly May 11<sup>th</sup> went very well very good attendance. There was a discussion about material handed out on native plants, Jeff Chang said all material was taken from the Rutgers website. It was discuss that before any materials be distributed by Master Gardeners, that it should all be shown to Joel for his approval, and all materials should be dated and show source of information. It was also discuss to make Posters for Fairs and One day shows.

**Gardening Clubs;** Lucy reported many garden clubs held their plant sales before Mothers' Day.

**Publicity** :Sally Next meeting in September

**Newsletter;** Leslie, No report as she is out with a chipped ankle. We all wish her a speedy recovery. (See President's report about potting shed)

**Sunshine Club;** Nothing to report

**State Report;** Jane & Joseph, Reported at State meeting, they were reviewing the by-laws, for possible changes.

A pilot program is being initiated for Master Gardeners', in which Rutgers name would be placed in front of teaching and programs. All state reports were due by Master Gardeners of the various counties. Twenty five year State recognition pins will be given out at the Fall Conference.

Tracey made a motion that we pay for 5 members from Master Gardeners of Bergen County to attend the Conference to receive their pins. Motion tabled till next meeting.

The Essex County Presby Iris garden has hybridized three new varieties of 911 Memorial Iris plants. They are available free of charge to any county with 911 Memorial sites. Karen gave Hank the iris rhizomes with literature and instructions to be planted at Overpeck 911 Memorial site.

**Trips and Tours;**

Risa reported that 10 people went to Wave Hill. A good time and good fellowship. Could use more drivers.

Next trips scheduled are; Chinese Gardens June 14, Snug Harbor in Staten Island. The tour cost \$150.00 so if there are fifteen people it would amount to \$10.00 per person.

July 9<sup>th</sup> Hackensack River Tour donated by Virginia Korteweg.

**Class of 2013 Report:**

Donna, Class working on getting ready for field trips to Bill Kolvek's and New Jersey Botanical Gardens. The class will participate in the Fall Fair at Over Peck Park with exhibits and demonstrations. This year's shirts will be charcoal color , cost \$10.00 each 2x and 3x will be an additional \$2.00

**Archivist:**

Barbara questioned who retains State and County reports.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.